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IDEAS AND DESIGN FOR BETTER LIVING

TIME OUT

120+ ways to turn outdoor spaces into peaceful havens and social hubs, whether a tiny balcony or a sprawling lawn

FEATURING

Designude
Itta Studio
Purvi Shah
Spacefiction Studio

+ BEST BUYS

90 furniture pieces and accessories to add personality to your terrace, balcony, patio or garden

GREEN REVOLUTION

A peek into the most gorgeously landscaped gardens across the globe

IN FOCUS

Tips, tricks and trend insights to create your own private Eden

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In Nature's Embrace

There is a sublime change in the atmosphere all across the country... mild temperatures, bright blue skies, sunny days... winter is here. Most of the country must have already unpacked moth-laden woollens from trunks and added a few brand new pieces to their winter wardrobe; while some, like us poor Mumbaikars, are just settling into winter. So, now, while all of us have made our to-do list for the winter — longer walks, brunch with friends at a favourite al fresco restaurant, Sunday picnics, a brand new tasty seasonal menu in the kitchen, more outdoor activities — one must not forget to pamper your home with little outdoor treats.

From yards and terraces to patios, porches and gardens big and small; we have gathered easy decorating ideas that can work for any spot you have big plans for beautifying. Dive right into our *Bazaar* pages which are brimming with goodies to add more charm to an outdoor party or simply elevate your mood if you'd like to lounge and laze around outdoors. There are innumerable furniture options (loungers, sofas, single-seaters and more) in a variety of materials from importers and manufacturers from across the country. Then there is a

beautiful spread of garden decor ranging from fire pits to stunning lighting fixtures, planters to interesting sculptures. If you want to give a totally new look to your outdoors, then turn to the well-researched *In Focus* section. Here, we have worked out all the important ingredients you require to create a beautiful outdoor scene for your home — get all the *gyan* on material and style trends right from industry experts here. The icing on the cake is a walk through some of the most talked about, innovative and charming gardens from around the world. This article in *Green Revolution*, also gives some suggestions on how to create a perfect garden of your own, the right selection of plants and a list of wonderful books one can refer to for gardening.

So, arm yourself with these design ideas and make your outdoor space your favourite escape to grab a drink, read a book, or unwind to some music.

Deepa Nair
Editor



The stunning Gandia's Blasco Llar (available at Vis a Vis) is a collection of bio-ethanol outdoor burners made from lacquered steel which are available in a variety of hues.



Interior designers Israel Egio and Alejandra Fontelos of Itta Studio transforms a grey and boring abode in Madrid, Spain, into a light-filled, classy and sophisticated space for its inhabitants.



Spacefiction Studio brings the mood and vibe of Hyderabad's once ubiquitous Irani cafes right into the urban contemporary, Free Flow-Traffic Bar, in the heart of theHITEC City.

editor's pick



New in stores

Artisan House's Portofino wall mural from Just for Decor is an arresting piece of art made in cold rolled steel, displaying a colourful Marina with sailboats and nautical shops. This one is definitely going up on my living room wall.

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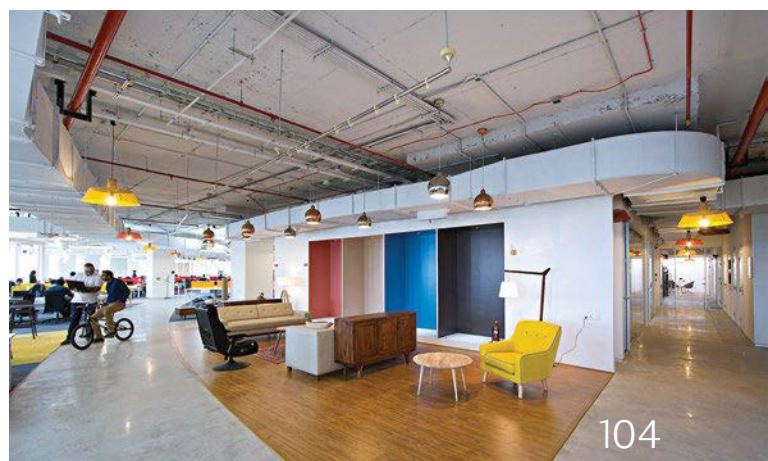
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Write back



HOME SHOPPING

I am not a regular reader of **Better Interiors**, but whenever I pick up the magazine, I instantly turn to the *Bazaar* section. Yours is the probably the only magazine with such an amazing spread of the newest, most amazing products... with a taste that matches mine. I know that I can trust a product recommended by your magazine in terms of quality and appeal. The January issue was a special treat because it featured five trends for the home that will rule in 2016. I'm all set to go shopping now! Thank you.

MRINAL SHARMA, GURGAON

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I want to wish the entire team at **Better Interiors** a very happy and prosperous new year. You have managed to be consistent in terms of quality and style since the beginning. The projects you feature in the magazine are always very carefully chosen and well-written; while the *Bazaar* spread and the *Colour & Style*



LETTER OF THE MONTH

The January issue of **Better Interiors** was the absolute best way to kick-start the new year. Such a well-researched, chic and exhaustive round-up of upcoming trends for 2016... loved every bit of the magazine. I can only imagine the hard work that the team went through to research the decor and lifestyle market and come up with trends, ideas, colour cues and new offering for home decor enthusiasts. I must say I loved the Trends Report 2016 (*Colour & Style*). Each and every expert from the industry has chalked out such great insight into the design trends of the year supporting it with such lovely images. I also really enjoyed reading the projects, especially the project designed by Khosla Associates in Bangalore. I also thought, the cover looked very classy and echoed the themes mentioned inside the pages pretty well. Truly amazing!

KAVYA SUBRAMANIAM, BANGALORE



segments are always splendid. I'm a regular reader and I hope you guys have a fabulous 2016.

SHRESHT MALLIK, HYDERABAD

LOVELY PROJECTS

Really the loved all the projects

featured in the January 2016 issue — the charming apartment designed by Dar & Wagh; the sun-filled contemporary home by Khosla Associates; the simple and very warm home by Studioyami and the absolutely modern and up-market Fendi store by Johanna Grawunder. I loved reading through all the features. This one is for keeps!

DIVYA SOLANKI, NEW DELHI



WOOD WORKS!

It was such a refreshing change to see a *Product Design* feature in the magazine after months. Product designer Aarti Agarwal's creativity and talent with wood comes through wonderfully in the article. Each and every product image is wow. The craftsmanship, the design and the innovation that Knock on Wood is bringing to the forefront is so amazing. And what is more amazing is the magazine's passion for design and giving such talented people a platform. The year 2016 has started off with a bang and rightly so!

SUDHIR KALE, MUMBAI



WELL SHOT

While I love reading the elaborate articles in the magazine, the concept of a *Snapshot* is pretty cool too. Without writing too much in detail about a particular space, the segment creates a nice balance of pictures and write-up to describe a project in short. Both the articles: The Unique One and Healthy Escape featuring The Black Sheep Bistro and the Salt Escape spa respectively were very interesting. Keep up the good work!

AARIFA SHAIKH, PUNE



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QUICK TAKE

ELYSEES YELLOW AND CHIFFON PINK BY LE CREUSET

Elysees Yellow and Chiffon Pink are the two new collections introduced by Le Creuset lately. Inspired by sweet spring bouquets, Elysees Yellow will bring the warmth of summer sunshine to your kitchen; while Chiffon Pink would get nature into your home. www.lecreuset.in

GORAIYA BY AVANI, NOW AT DHOOP

Avani a non-profit organization will now showcase their famous Goraiya kits at Dhoop. Goraiya's innovative and creative collection for kids includes art supplies, activity DIY kits, knitted garments, play rugs and much more. This collection offers children a completely natural, safe and non-toxic product for play, exploration and discovery. Tel: (022) 65819351/2

KALA GHODA FESTIVAL 2016

Mumbai's multi-cultural festival, Kala Ghoda Festival 2016 is back with its 17th edition, from February 6th to 14th, 2016. The theme for KGAF 2016 is Crossing the Threshold (Seemabrahava), that boasts of over 600 programs across 12 sections. Tel: 9820628870

Steelcase's first showroom in Gujarat



STEELCASE HAS OPENED A NEW

2,500 sq ft WorkLife Center in Ahmedabad. It is designed by Steelcase and Infraedge and displays brand like Coalesse sw1, Gesture, Lexicon, Manifesto, Node, Verb amongst many other Steelcase products. The showroom has a interactive design where employees work in the showroom space itself — allowing the visitors

to actually experience how the products and applications can be utilized. Further, the showroom was designed as an ecosystem of interconnected and interdependent places that support the physical, cognitive and emotional needs of people and provides them with the choice and control over where and how they work.

www.steelcase.com/asia-en/

Usha International bags National Energy Conservation Award 2015

USHA INTERNATIONAL

once again bagged the first prize for its energy efficient fan range at the National Energy Conservation Awards 2015. With its range of five star labeled energy efficient fans, the company was conferred with this prestigious award for its maximum contribution in BEE Star labelled fan category. The National Energy Conservation Award is an annual award ceremony organized to celebrate National Energy Conservation Day and recognize the contribution of companies from various industries towards energy saving. www.usha.com

GVK Lounge wins award



THE LAVISH GVK LOUNGE AT TERMINAL 2 OF

Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA), Mumbai, was declared as the World's Leading Airport Lounge—First Class 2015 at the recently concluded World Travel Awards in Morocco. The GVK Lounge earlier won the award for Asia's Leading Airport Lounge at the World Travel Awards-Asia and Australasia. The lounge, operated by Travel Food Services Limited and Performa, blends the finest of Indian hospitality with world-class design and amenities. The experience at the exclusive First Class (FC) section is akin to a five star hotel with highly personalized services: à la carte dining, individual spa treatments, concierge services, etc. Email: guest.services@gvk.com

Nostos launched in Mumbai



NOSTOS, A BRAND NEW FURNITURE, lighting and accessories store was recently launched in Mahim, Mumbai. Nostos which means 'homecoming' in Greek is the brainchild of professionals with more than 30 years of collective experience in the fields of design and architecture. It was founded with the intention of combining an interesting global aesthetic

and an informed view on Indian requirements. The store will be offering modern day designs to vintage finishes. The range of products include sofas and sectionals, armchairs, dining chairs, dining tables, coffee tables as well as an eclectic range of lighting products, art, exclusive fabrics and accessories.

Tel: 9819600004

Casa Pop's new store in the Capital



RASEEL GUJRAL ANSAL'S BRAND CASA Pop takes a leap forward with the launch of its new store at Santushti Shopping Complex in New Delhi. Spanning across 400 sq ft, the store will retail fashion, home accessories, incidental furniture and wallpapers. The concept and design of the store has been created and furnished in Casa Pop's

signature style and the hot pink colour with Raseel's Rang Mahal wallpaper on display gives the boutique showroom an old world charm. The new collection, Kheem Khab, the finest form of brocade, also known as 'fabric of dreams' is beautifully illustrated in the showroom.

Tel: (011) 2688 6393

Elvy opens its doors to Hyderabad



ELVY LAUNCHED ITS NEW STORE AT Banjara Hills, Hyderabad with beautiful plush interiors and an ultimate luxury feel. On display are a wide range of exquisite collections for your home, office and gifting which are handpicked and sourced from different corners of the world and displayed to perfection. The store showcases some truly contemporary options which consist of some pretty lamps, stunning accessories and artful serve ware. Apart from these collections, the store would be soon introducing a new range of furniture.

Tel: (124)4578888

Saibaan's has a new retail space



SAIBAAN OWNED BY SHAILA SOOD, opened its retail store at Lado Sarai, New Delhi. The store is spread across 5,500 sq ft with a gracious courtyard in its midst. On display is fine furniture, sterling silver, table decorative, fancy lights and art by many contemporary masters. Saibaan also houses German and Italian chandeliers, European table decorative, vases, boxes, candelabras, table lamps and artsy platters in crystal and stone add to the repertoire. Custom done carpets in leather and wool are also available. Sterling silver including complete dinner and tea services, photo frames and trinket boxes are other highlights.

Tel: (011) 26182792

Roundabout

Detroit Named UNESCO City of Design

DETROIT HAS BEEN

recently recognized as the United States' first official City of Design by UNESCO and its Creative Cities Network. The city has been lauded for its cultural renaissance, with companies like Shinola and a slew of new hotels, restaurants, and galleries returning focus to a city that were once the epicenter of American industrialism. A total of 116 cities from 54 countries make up the network, and are recognized for their contributions across seven creative fields, including crafts and folk art, design, film, gastronomy, literature, music and media arts. The application to UNESCO was put forth by DC3, a five-year-old network founded by Business Leaders for Michigan and committed to fostering creative fields in the state.

<http://www.archdaily.com/779287/detroit-becomes-first-city-in-the-us-to-be-named-a-unesco-city-of-design>



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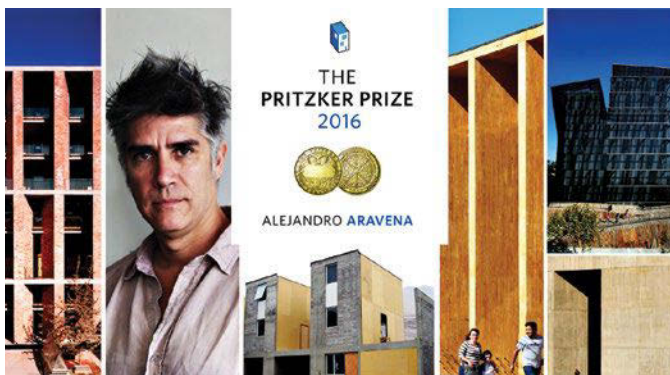
10th February, 2016 to 22nd February, 2016

Jehangir Art Gallery, Kala Ghoda, Mumbai 400001

This show features the recent oil on canvas works of Sakti Burman. The artist skilfully combines imagery from India and Europe and achieves a fusion of Indian patterns with colour preferences inherited from the fin-de-siecle Nabis and Fauves. On this occasion, Art Musings will also launch a limited edition book that brings together paintings and drawings by Sakti Burman and texts by Ranjit Hoskote.



Alejandro Aravena wins 2016 Pritzker Prize



the effects of natural disasters, reduces energy consumption, and provides welcoming public space. Innovative and inspiring, he shows how architecture at its best can improve people's lives," says Thomas Pritzker, Chief Executive, The Pritzker

ALEJANDRO ARAVENA OF CHILE IS THE first winner of the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize from Chile and the fourth from Latin America. The formal award ceremony will be held at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 4th April, 2016. The 48 year-old Aravena is the 41st laureate of the Pritzker Prize and is currently based in Santiago. "His built work gives economic opportunity to the less privileged, mitigates

Organization. The architect in his career has created a wide range of architecture that ranges from high-budget educational and institutional buildings to post tsunami reconstruction and low-income construction. He is also the director of the 2016 Venice Architecture Biennale, opening in May. http://www.world-architects.com/architecture-news/headlines/Alejandro_Aravena_Wins_2016_Pritzker_Prize_5382

Arresting Developments

31st January, 2016 to 20th February 2016,

Gallery 7, Oricon House, Kala Ghora, Mumbai 400001

Mumbai born international Indian photographer, Parhad Goghavala presents a collection of images which captures the natural essence of the city. The collection has been shot over the period of 2008-2009. The artist uses beautiful facades of derelict buildings from the earlier part of the last century and their windows as a canvas.

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Art Walk

A COMMENTARY ON THE COMPLEXITIES OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS; ARTIST FARHAD HUSSAIN'S PAINTINGS ARE A MELANGE OF VIBRANT COLOURS.



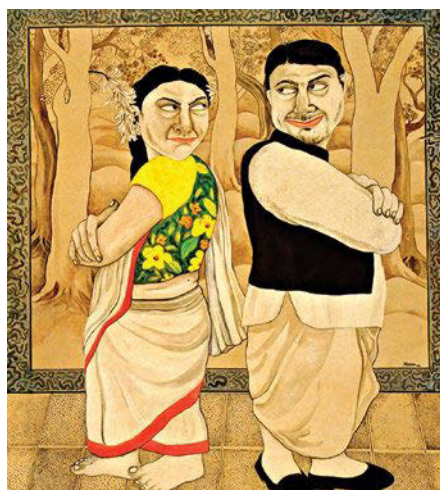
ARTIST

Farhad Hussain

NEW DELHI-BASED ARTIST

Farhad Hussain believes that the most complex areas of relationships are nurtured by an urban, consumerist and capitalist society and his paintings bring these areas of conflict at the forefront. The humorous (sometimes provocative) figures and scenes are ambiguous in nature and make us question the concepts and stereotypes we are living in. The vibrant colours, textile patterns and bright backdrops are a trademark of the artist; while tempera on cloth is his medium of choice, as it allows him to achieve the desired vibrancy of colours. Structurally, he incorporates various elements from miniature paintings, Kalighat Pats, oriental designs and images from the media and pop culture to create an eclectic rhetoric on multiple levels. The artist has a BFA in painting from Kala Bhavana, Visva Bharati University, West Bengal (2003) and a Post Diploma in painting, MS University, Vadodra (2005). He has held a number of solo shows in Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi; Gallery Soheon, Korea and Pundole Art Gallery, Mumbai to name a few.

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Eco Beat

ANASTASIYA KOSHCHEEVA CRAFTS MODERN BIRCH OBJECTS USING SIBERIAN TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES.



PRODUCT DESIGNER

Anastasiya Koshcheeva

EMPHASIZING ON THE

importance of the relationship with nature and preserving of handicraft methods, Berlin-based product designer Anastasiya Koshcheeva has come out with a collection of birch bark products named From Siberia (where she was born and raised). The natural birch bark has extraordinary properties: it is flexible, soft, water-repellent, antibacterial, breathable, durable and strong. Despite these unique characteristics, it has not been explored to the fullest. In response, Anastasiya has tried to reinterpret an age-old tradition of no-glue method of joining into contemporary design with this material. Produced in collaboration with Siberian artisans, Tuesa is one such product from her collection. The light, durable and sturdy Tuesa containers are perfect for storing food, spices or herbs. Due to its antibacterial and isolating qualities and the essential oil produced by the birch bark, Tuesa can keep contents fresher longer than glass or plastic. The Svetoch lamps and the Sibirjak chair are the other two products from the series that celebrate the extraordinary properties of birch bark.

www.anastasiyakoshcheeva.com



Perfect 10

INTERIOR DESIGNER PURVI SHAH TELLS US ABOUT HER INSPIRATIONS, CHALLENGING PROJECTS AND MORE...



INTERIOR DESIGNER

PURVI SHAH



When in life did the design bug bite you? What or who has influenced your design aesthetics the most?

I aspired to be a designer in my teens. I was greatly influenced by Tadao Ando's Church of Light.

Tell us about the team of design professionals at Purvi Shah Designs... how do you keep your office motivated and on the same page?

I have a young and dynamic team who are encouraged to think out of the box and at the same time follow my vision on design concepts.

Which is that one essential element found all across your work?

The colour white, for its purity.

A project which challenged your mettle as a designer?

A suburban factory which was brought to life literally from scratch.

What are the big projects which are keeping you busy these days?

I am working on a restaurant, high end jewellery office and an accessories store at the moment.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

The one thing we'll always find in your handbag?

A power bank!

How do you unwind after a busy, long day?

By listening to music, and dancing with my children.

Given a choice which country would you like to shift base to, and why?

If I had a choice I would like to shift base to Antarctica, and be completely surrounded by white.

A book you keep going back to?

The Harry Potter series... for its sheer creative imagination.

Your comfort food is?

Dark Swiss chocolate with red chilly sauce — it totally confuses the senses!



HIGH Five!

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1

MIELE INDIA

The newly launched H 6860 BP single oven has the MoisturePlus function to add the right amount of water needed for nicely browned bread or for tender meat. The unique Pyrolytic cleaning system oxidizes soiling by turning it into a light ash, which can be easily wiped away. The AirClean catalytic converter effectively prevents the release of cooking odours.

₹ 4,39,990 to ₹ 4,79,990



2

FRANKE FABER INDIA

Manufactured with the Dynamic Cooking Technology (DCT), this oven comes with specifications like superior performance, reduced energy consumption and total safety. A Wellness Menu, Complete Menu and a removable Fullglass inner door are other notable features.

Price on request



3

BOSCH HOME APPLIANCES

The new ovens (with a capacity of 67 l) offer unique heat circulation. The oven comes with a variety of heating modes that let you defrost and slow cook besides making Pizzas. The 3D Hot Air heating mode provides two levels with equal amount of heat from all sides.

Price on request



4

USHA INTERNATIONAL

The Usha InfinitiCook Halogen Oven is a revolutionary product that harnesses the power of light as the source of energy for effective and efficient cooking. It is a multi-functional cooking appliance that can prepare everything from starters and appetizers to main courses and desserts. The oven provides 100 percent oil-free cooking. It also comes with nine accessories that offer total convenience.

₹ 9,995



5

SAMSUNG

The HotBlastT Smart Oven uses the HotBlast technology where powerful hot air is blasted downwards directly onto the food from 60 equally distributed air holes, cooking food up to 50 per cent quicker than a traditional convection oven. It also comes equipped with a 2250 W PowerGrill Duo.

Price on request

Roundabout

PICK of the Month

NEXO KNIGHT IS BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED IN SOLID WOOD, IS AVAILABLE IN THREE SIZES, AND HOLDS A SECRET WITHIN. READ ON...

POWER TABLE



TODAY, SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS have become an inseparable and integral part of our lives. To ensure that they are ready for use whenever and wherever we need them, we need to keep them sufficiently charged. Hence, online brand Pepperfry decided to introduce an innovative range of tables — Nexo Knight — which has multiple functions. This award-winning intelligent and innovative furniture may deceive you to believe that it is an ordinary piece of furniture very easily, but actually it is a powerhouse! Quite literally so, as the Nexo Knight is a range of solid wood tables with an in-built wireless charging pad. The table smartly blends in with the home decor and can be kept next to your beds or in your living room to provide wire-free charging to your smartphones and tablets. The tables are specially-designed with premium quality acacia and pine wood; and come in three variants. Now you can easily charge your phones by keeping it on the end table version, or put it next to your bed in the bed-side table option. There is also a multi-tasker in this range that can not only store your books, but simultaneously charge your device as well. Bring home this smart table which is priced between ₹19,299 to ₹21,399, and say goodbye to messy cables.

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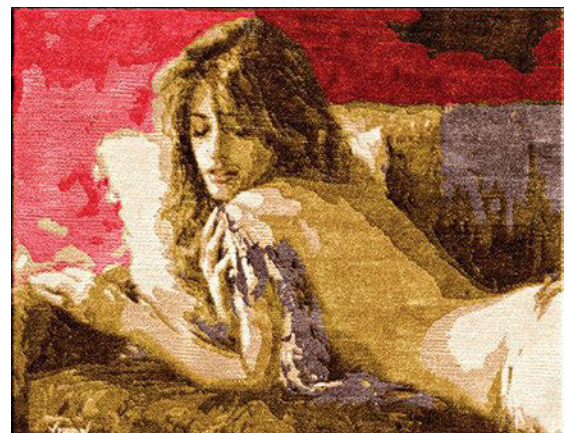
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ROCHE BOBOIS

This renowned French luxury furniture brand has launched their Nouveaux Classiques collection. This elegant and sophisticated collection aims to blend classicism with modernism and offers a range of armchairs that includes Florian Armchair, Berenice Bergere chair and the Black Swan Bergere. The sofas in this collection include Syllable straight sofa, Diese Corner Composition and the Long Island Straight Composition, to name a few. The list does not end here. The Magambo fixed cocktail and end table and the Mastero bed which is crafted in vintage leather are other highlights of the Nouveaux Classiques collection. Another beautifully crafted piece is the Collenges chest is a classic Louis XV design which is modernized by bright coloured patinas.

Some classic, some contemporary... rugs, furniture and more.



THE RUG COUTURE

The stunning handmade woolen wall art rugs called Exotica are the latest from this Delhi-based soft furnishings brand. These wall art rugs which can be electrical or elegant can liven up the walls and enhance your interiors. These premium rugs are created using hand knotting, hand tufting and upscale hand weaving techniques. The Exotica range enthralls and engages with visual storytelling, romance, beauty, memories and elegance in a unique painting pattern covering all the sides of the rugs. With a unique oil painting covering on all the sides, these multi-coloured rugs are made from wool which ensures strength and durability. Possess these statement pieces that are priced between ₹ 28,500 to ₹ 2,23,000 to give a new lease of life to any drab space.



JUST FOR DECOR

This online luxury decor store has unveiled two exquisite wall murals from Artisan House, USA — Bridge and Portofino. The former is a stunning piece of design in steel with gold leaf finish. The Portofino on the other hand would add life and colour to your wall. This spectacular nautical wall piece is made in cold rolled steel and measures 33 inch in height, 46 inch in width and five inch in depth. Possess this wall mural at a price of ₹ 1,05,249. This work of art portrays a colourful Marina which is complete with sailboats and nautical shops.



FENNEL LUXURY DECOR

Fennel Luxury Decor was established in 2008 and offers collection that are been sourced and handpicked from across the globe. They have unveiled a new collection of accessories to make your interiors come alive and give a luxurious look and feel to your space. These intricately designed artefacts made out of sandstone can be placed at your dining table, console or at the bar to lighten up your interior. These statement pieces are also an excellent gifting option.



FRAZER AND HAWS

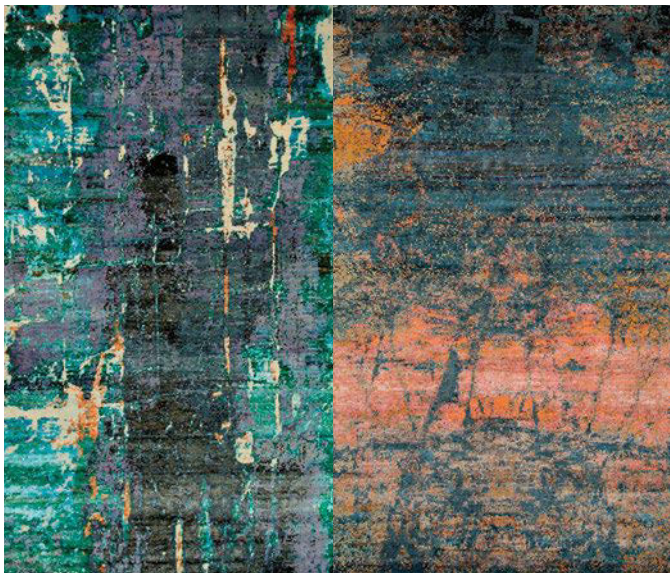
The brand has launched designer time pieces handcrafted and hallmarked with 92.5 per cent purity. The highlights of the collection — the Time Piece Woof, a heart shaped crystal watch with a puppy head in sterling silver (₹ 6,500), and the Time Piece moon, a granite crescent with a hand cut rock of rose quartz with a sterling silver stag head (₹ 35,000). The Time Piece Frog prince, Time Piece Watch Stripes, Time Piece Lady and Time Piece Seniorita are other beauties from the collection.



ZYNNA

The brand has introduced the new Digital collection from STOF, France which would be exclusively available with them in the country. The collection aims at rendering tranquility and classic contemporary decor statements to the interiors. The subtle tones of pink, off white, grey, peach, green and blue in combination with a versatile range of textiles ranging from cotton to polyester would enhance your interiors beautifully; giving it a distinct personality. The fabric material used is suitable for curtains, upholstery and soft furnishings. The floral pattern accompanied with the digital technique is a new trend which gives a French feel to the interiors.

Price on request



OBEETEE

Obeetee is not only one of the largest handmade rug makers of India but also the oldest hand-woven rug companies in the world. It has introduced the Crystal Collection that enhances the magnificence of the floors. The Crystal collection offers carpets and rugs that are crafted with hand-knotting techniques using the finest tri-coloured hand spun wool in cold-metallic colours. Inspired from nature, these products reflect the impactful imagery and intricate work of the craftsman. The interesting texture and contour effect which gives it a worn-out look is achieved by a special washing process. Indeed, these rugs and carpets add a touch of elegance which is subtle yet classic.



MARSHALLS WALLCOVERINGS

Marshalls now offers a range of eye-catching super exclusive signature series of wallcoverings by the celebrated international designer, Karim Rashid. The designer artistically blends colours, patterns, shapes and designs in multi-hued canvas — it showcases an array of designs which vary from loud to quite to transparent and many other variations in sounds in an artistically interpreted computer design. The silver netting on psychedelic graphics or on dark background lends the wall an edgy and sophisticated look. This collection has a beautiful colour spectrum like rose and pink hues, colour play in blue, turquoise and green and black with gold and silver.

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Outdoor Flourish

We welcome spring with a splendid ode to the outdoors this month. Show your terrace, balcony, and patio or garden some love and create a tranquil space to unwind amidst nature, alone and with loved ones. To make things easier, here's a sneak peek at the eye-appealing furniture, garden accessories and decorative lighting options for the season.

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Visionnaire

This gorgeous Sveva Chaise Longue from the Dehors collection exudes luxury. It is crafted with a lace canopy and purple leather capitone seat, while the legs and turned elements in polished chromed aluminium blend well with the overall design.

Price on request



Etreluxe

Cartesino designed by Claudio Bitetti for Alivar is an ideal example of creativity and innovation in design. This bench-sofa comprises a steel frame covered in polyurethane foam with a removable fabric cover available in different colours, and can be positioned in many different ways. It can be ideally placed in a living room, waiting room or public areas.

Price on request



Ficus Fine Living

Bring home this beautiful pool lounge made from high-density hardwood. It has excellent resistance to daily wear and tear and is suitable for lounging about in any season.

₹ 87,188



Idus

This cocoon-shaped Dragnet chair and table made from durable steel and poly-cotton are the perfect addition to a private nook. The intense red will liven up your day, while the cosy cushioning melts your worries away.

₹ 1,45,000 (chair);
₹ 34,000 (table)



Simply Sofas

With a design inspired by the sweet treat it's named after, the Bonaldo Muffin can be used either as a coffee table or a stool. It comes with a batch-dyed polyethylene frame and is available in a variety of colours.

₹ 16,200



Roche Bobois

This adorable armchair inspired by European design of the fifties will surely be a highlight in any outdoor set-up. It has a delicate tubular frame in lacquered steel and had been designed by Stephen Burks.

₹ 6,21,500 onward



Simply Sofas

To articulate your love for art and design, bring home this Bonaldo Pebble coffee table. With the inside serving as a neat storage space, it makes for a piece of outdoor furniture that's both visually interesting and functional.

₹ 48,040



Vis a Vis

Gandia's Blasco Docks is a nifty furniture collection that can be transformed into a sofa, beds or complex rest area with ease. The different cushions and backrests sit atop a light, stackable and easily transportable anodized aluminium structure. Create a well-organized and elegant space to spend quality time with family or friends.

Price on request



P3 Architectural Solutions

Ethimo and designer Patrick Norguet have collaborated to create pieces of sheer beauty — a range of tables and chairs called the Knit collection. This armchair from the collection features an elegant and intricately detailed wooden frame made from teak or black mahogany with interlaced weaving using synthetic roped fibre.

Price on request



Fab Furnish

This stunning dining table will definitely encourage the family to get together to enjoy a meal or perhaps evening tea. Seating six, it is made from fibreglass polypropylene resins with UV additives and is simple yet stylish.

₹ 30,855



Etreluxe

Liven up your outdoor space with the Lollipop chairs, designed by Archirivolto for Alivar. They are stackable with a frame made of a chrome-plated or painted steel tube (black or white) and a shell of SAN plastic. The perfect blend of transparency with strength and comfort makes them a smart contemporary outdoor seating option.

Price on request



Abaca

The Ami chair, woven in polyrod on an aluminium frame, can be paired with a complementary side table.

₹ 36,800 (chair);

₹ 16,400 (side table)



Idus

Enjoy engaging conversations over brunch or a leisurely tea on this Cabaret three-seater made from polyester fabric and stainless steel. This quirky design accentuates comfort, luxury and warmth.

₹ 2,61,000



Abaca

Wind down after a long day in this curved swing. It is made from Polypeel weaves woven on aluminium framework, and can withstand rain and sun. It comes replete with soft cushions upholstered with water-repellent fabric.

₹ 1,20,000



Vis a Vis

Inspired by traditional Indian furniture weaving techniques, the Aram collection by Gandia features four pieces: two stools and two tables with thermo-lacquered stainless steel wires woven around a metal frame. The stools have an interesting pattern that adds an artistic touch. This exquisite handmade collection is available in an array of colours to suit your fancy.

Price on request



Simply Sofas

These colourful stackable chairs belong to the Bonaldo Viento collection and are a must-have for a cheerful outdoor set-up. Made from polypropylene, they stand out and are both sturdy and eye-catching.

₹ 12,289 each



Simply Sofas

Let your favourite outdoor spot be fun and playful with this Area51 chair by Calligaris. With a moulded, monoblock form and textured surface, it features interchangeable feet and a stackable design.

Price on request



Fusion Access

Exuding subtle elegance, this dining table and chair from the Pasha Collection is made from mango wood that has been specially treated to withstand an outdoor environment. A classic, timeless pick.

Price on request



Simply Sofas

This smart Tonin Casa Celine side table in a metal structure and a wooden top is a must-have. It is available in two dimensions and can do wonders to any space.

₹ 31,680



P3 Architectural Solutions

The Studios folding armchair by Ethimo gives a fresh, modern take on a traditional director's chair and will give your outdoor area a minimalistic yet quirky look. The Sunbrella fabric rests on a powder-coated aluminium frame.

Price on request



Abaca

This rustic Pierre sofa and armchair set is made from 3S polyrod woven on an aluminium frame. The kubu white coffee table complements the entire set, rounding off the chic vibe.

₹ 87,000 (sofa); ₹ 47,000 (armchair); ₹ 23,800 (coffee table)



P3 Architectural Solutions

Give your garden an elegant and serene look with the Notting Hill, a new garden bench from Ethimo. It is available in several colours inspired by nature and is made from high-quality teak and hardwood, which not only makes it charming but also durable.

Price on request



I Custom Made It

This artistic bench features a sleek and chic design. It is made from metal and reclaimed wood and is a voguish addition to an outdoor area.

₹ 16,499



Ficus Fine Living

This reclining Adirondack chair made from hardwood has been handcrafted by Kevan Anwar Bhai. The design is hand-curved with a fan back and wide armrests for maximum comfort.

₹ 84,375



Roche Bobois

This floral Escapade sofa is from the Les Contemporains collection, designed by Zeno Nugari. The chic mattress-style low-base sofa is structured in solid wood, plywood and metal and comes with entirely removable slip covers.

Price on request



P3 Architectural Solutions

Enjoy basking in the sun with the Sand sun lounger by Ethimo. Intelligently crafted, it features a teak frame with an adjustable back, while the mattress is covered in waterproof synthetic Ethitex fabric.

Price on request



Ficus Fine Living

The Denali picnic bench made from hardwood is a classic piece for outdoors. Perfect for an impromptu brunch with friends.

Price on request



Vis a Vis

Emu has created the sturdy Ciak, a take on the classic design of a director's chair. Crafted from extruded aluminium with stainless steel and outdoor technical fabrics, it features a tone-on-tone painted beech armrest and a footrest for added comfort.

Price on request



Simply Sofas

This Skinchair by Calligaris is fashioned with clean and decisive lines, interchangeable, shockproof legs, and lightweight, stackable design. They are well complemented by the uniquely shaped metal base table that comes with a top which folds down 90 degrees and can be stored side by side in minimum space.

Price on request



Urban Ladder

The cosy Masai Patio table set made from duco-painted metal and high-grade sheesham wood makes for versatile outdoor decor. You can carry this light, easily foldable set on short trips as well.

₹ 7,999



Roche Bobois

This multicolour Ferre table from the Les Contemporains collection is definite eye-candy. Designed by Cedric Dequit, this unique table has a steel structure with an epoxy varnish.

Price on request



Idus

This Noodle chair in a bronze and pale grey palette comprises the articulate looping of bent rattan vines in a gorgeous form. It is made from polyethylene fibre, nylon twine and steel.

₹ 49,000



Abaca

This Kobe twin swing chair is the perfect way to enjoy a relaxing time outdoors with your sweetheart. It features an oval polyrod woven on aluminium frame.

₹ 1,38,000



Vis a Vis

The Dandy, an outdoor sofa by Roda comprises a lightweight aluminium frame covered in weather-resistant padding. The covers are available in a wide range of colourful fabrics.

Price on request



Visionnaire

This elegant chair in rattan wicker will add charm to any terrazzo floor, garden or patio. The arms made from lacquered golden metal add to the luxurious vibe.

Price on request



Sanctum

Add a pop of colour to your outdoor furniture set with this vibrant pink rubine stool. Stackable and lightweight, this handy stool is easy to carry around and comes with flared legs and mini capped feet.

₹ 1,550



Abaca

This pretty dining table, featuring a mosaic leaf top and a painted wrought iron base is a must-have that will add beauty to any patio or balcony.

₹ 38,000



Visionnaire

Add a bit of glam to your outdoor space with this Panarea chair from the Dehors collection. The chair is made from curved cone elements in golden lacquered aluminium.

Price on request



Vis a Vis

Tribu's Contour is characterised by a tube in powder-coated stainless steel that follows the outline in one continuous line. The curves of the tube are solid while the weave is made of weather-resistant tricot.

Price on request

Fab Furnish

This Royal Oak three-seater outdoor chair with intricate detailing is a stunning choice for outdoor furnishing. ₹ 6,850



Fab India

The sleek two-seater bench combines simplicity and style. It is made from sheesham and iron. ₹ 8,900



Idus

This unique Lolah three-seater has been made using traditional boat-building techniques and integrates old technology with modern design. It is made from polyethylene fibre, nylon twine and aluminium. ₹ 1,16,000



Simply Sofas

Add a dash of style to your garden space with the Calligaris Gamera nylon monoblock chair. This lightweight, stackable chair has a unique contemporary design and features a wide wrap-around backrest for comfort. ₹ 16,800



The Purple Turtles

Add grandeur to your outdoor space with this wooden dining table. This vintage piece looks elegant with a raw and rough finish.

₹ 71,800



P3 Architectural Solutions

Infinity by Ethimo is a collection of versatile and exquisite lounge seats that can be co-ordinated with chairs, tables and loungers. The modular seating system features a frame in aluminium and lightweight fibre that not only makes it sturdy but also give it an alluring look.

Price on request



Flipkart

The Studio F Brown synthetic fibre table and chair set exudes classic style combined with traditional design. It comes in a brown palette that will merge with any outdoor set-up and is completely weather-resistant.

₹ 26,463



Sanctum

This striking foldable red bench made from mango wood will surely add glamour to your garden decor. Though sleek in design, it provides ample seating place.

₹ 28,500



Roche Bobois

This transparent pink Airflower designed by Fabrice Berrux is an inflatable armchair in PVC. It has an optional electric pump and is also available in crystal colours. For an outdoor space as lively as the one occupying it.

₹ 19,370



Vis a Vis

Masiero's Drylight is a stunning collection of suspension lights, appliques, table and floor lamps based on RGB LEDs. Its impressive durability in outdoors is the result of a clever combination of glass, polycarbonate and glass fibre reinforced nylon.

Price on request



Etreluxe

The AIM Lamps, designed by R & E Bouroullec for Flos will artfully enliven your space. They can easily be suspended with the help of long cables allowing you to adjust the direction and height of the light source.

Price on request



Fab Furnish

Made from metal, the Hornbill Wall Bracket will make for a unique talking point when placed by the porch or entrance of your home.

₹ 1,899



Fab Furnish

Made from galvanized iron, this Humming Bird House is a charming addition to your garden. Sprinkle some birdseed and you may have a few friendly avian visitors pay you a visit.

₹ 1,599



Sanctum

This aqua Racy caddy will add some charm to any outdoor setting. The stylish gorgeous caddy is made from galvanized sheet metal and can store three bottles.

₹ 1,400



Vis a Vis

Show off this Torch by Tribu, an eye-catcher with flowing lines in white polyester, at your next outdoor soiree. This flambeaus fire burns on bio-ethanol and is available in three heights. The torch is made from stainless steel and is frost-resistant.

Price on request



The Great Eastern Home

This beautiful birdbath is a stately accessory that evokes the feel of old European manors. Made from non-rusting cast iron, it features intricate detailing.

₹ 41,625



The Purple Turtles

This traditional Arabian Mesh lamp with black metal jaali work is a simple, classy way to liven up an outdoor area. It aptly complements traditional decor.

₹ 3,100



I Custom Made It

The Red Small Iron Lantern made from metal is a distinct garden accessory inspired by photography. A unique addition with rustic charm.

₹ 2,640



The Great Eastern Home

This elegant hand-curved black stone tree planter is ideal for any outdoor space. The raw finish only adds to its beauty.

Price on request



I'm Centre for Applied Arts

The fascinating old tree trunk is a classic example of the virtues of simplicity and elegance when it comes to accessorizing. Its natural appearance adds to its stateliness.

Price on request



The Great Eastern Home

These one-of-a-kind hand-curved stone pots are all about rustic chic. Available in various shapes in a neutral palette, they make for accessories that add subtle visual appeal.

₹ 30,375 to ₹35,375



Fab Furnish

The eye-catching Poppadum Art Kadhai Planter will surely compel your guests to take a closer look. These cheery aluminium planters are durable, lightweight and have holes for water drainage.

₹ 1,500



The Purple Turtles

This unique cage bar unit can be used to pep up any living or outdoor space. The metal wire covering has a black powder coating.

₹ 22,000



Fusion Access

The elegant Siporex Planters are perfect for patios and niches. The intricate carved surfaces enhance the beauty of the rough wood they are made of. The planters come in three sizes: small, medium and large.

Price on request



Firefly Lighting

The Freedom Outdoor Battery by Contardi, which is magnetically attached and can be removed when desired, is a quick, easy way to add mood lighting to any outdoor area. The diffuser is made of cream fibreglass, while the battery is available in a bronze or chrome lacquered metal finish with a dark brown marine wood base.

₹ 1,12,650



The Purple Turtles

Adorn your garden or terrace space with these pretty floral decorative stone platters. These are made from carved stone.

₹ 1,960 to ₹ 2,250



Sanctum

This blue Ferrum party bucket made from galvanized sheet metal can be used as drinks cooler for your next barbecue.

₹ 2,400



Vis a Vis

The Gandia Blasco Brasero Firepit is an elegant and striking designer brazier made from stainless steel, inspired by classic torches that were used in olden times. It burns with a clean flame that produces no waste or smoke.

Price on request



The Purple Turtles

This fish artefact in a distressed paint finish is a beautiful decorative to enhance any outdoor decor. Rather than its finish the open door forms the most attractive part of this piece.

₹ 2,500 to ₹ 6,500



Abaca

Bring home this handcrafted black planter, made from cement, to give your balcony or patio an earthy look.

₹ 3,250



The Great Eastern Home

Deck up your garden with this beautifully carved marble water fountain. This extremely elegant and bold outdoor fountain is hand-carved in white marble and hand-painted with waterproof colour.

₹ 6,09,235



Fab Furnish

This adorable, colourful Green Girgit Fat Blue Pirate Planter is sure to put a smile on your face each time you look at it. It is made out of metal.

₹ 977



Vis a Vis

Gandia's Blasco Llar is a collection of bio-ethanol outdoor burners made from lacquered steel, which would bring enchanting warmth and glow to the place they occupy. They are available in various sizes and colours such as white, bronze, sand and anthracite.

Price on request



Craftsvilla

The Veambu Planter is inspired from nature and suited for use both indoors and outdoors. This is designed with the concept of neem wood with barks on fibre reinforced plastic.

₹ 2,120



The Great Eastern Home

The lamp post made from heavy duty cast iron will lend a vintage look to entryways. It has been forged by hand and is finished with a pre-treatment process and tough black powder coat paint.

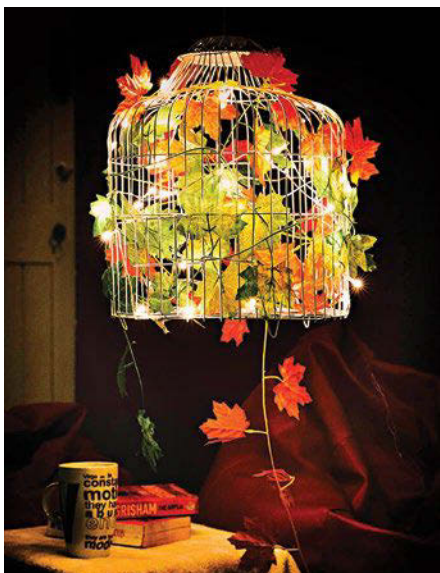
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P3 Architectural Solutions

The Ginger Lamps, available in three striking versions have laminas which diffuse light through a shutter. These floor, table and wall mounted lamps have an aluminum frame with diffusers crafted from teak slates.

Price on request



Limeroad

With a little bit of ingenuity, this white birdcage can be turned into an elegant planter that'll add old-world charm to your patio.

₹ 1,999



The Purple Turtles

This unique diamond wire hanging lamp is an artful, contemporary way to highlight any outdoor space. It is made from metal with a powder coating.

₹ 3,500 to ₹ 4,800



The Purple Turtles

These classy black hanging lanterns made from wire coiling technique along with powder coating can enhance any modern decor — use it with lights or just as a showpiece.

₹ 2,500 each



Firefly Lighting

XXL Outdoor Floor Lamp by Contardi is minimalistic in design and emits a soft, soothing glow. It features cream fibreglass with an ivory lacquered metal stem and base. It is IP65 rated and requires four 26 watt/120 volt medium-base compact fluorescent lamps.

₹ 2,31,000



The Purple Turtles

These peppy illustrative iron boxes with a printed and painted graphic finish will attract envious glances from every guest.

₹ 1,500



The Purple Turtles

Give your outdoor space a rough and rustic look with this lovely barrel made from distressed wood with a metal finish. The faded green will blend seamlessly with the rest of the garden or terrace area.

₹ 5,950



I'm Centre for Applied Arts

The beautifully crafted Buddha's head in stone sitting on top of the rock is an element that will not only enhance the grandeur of a space but also add an atmosphere of serenity and tranquillity.

₹ 10,000



Firefly Lighting

Contardi's Muse collection, designed by Trisan Auer, uses rechargeable batteries and the lighting is provided by LED strips that use much less power than ordinary lighting. A single charge is said to last for about five hours. The lanterns are available in two sizes: small and medium with innumerable colour options.

₹ 1,03,950 (Muse Lantern Large Outdoor Battery);
₹ 76,550 (Muse Lantern Medium Outdoor Battery)



Vis a Vis

Paolo Lenti Lenta will add a gentle brightness and can be used either as a floor or suspension lamp. It is made of teflon, polycarbonate aluminium and comes with an IP65 rating.

Price on request



The Great Eastern Home

This black lamp post made from cast iron with a pearl-like light fixture will bring a royal touch to your garden.

₹ 1,75,000



Wonderland

This chirpy colourful handmade bird cage comes with three cute metal birds, making it an adorable knick-knack to have.

₹ 2,000



Jaypore

Illuminate your space with this Yellow Jali Lantern. Hang it to add a splash of colour or light it up for festive flair. Give it more character by decorating it with fresh flowers.

₹ 1,150



Craftsvilla

The Ceramic Bird House with Stick is an accessory that birds and bird-lovers would love. The bird house can accommodate two birds and is washable and weather-proof.

₹ 860



Sanctum

This smart red Eclipse caddy makes a neat gift for those who like to entertain. Made from sturdy galvanized steel, it can hold six bottles and comes with an attached bottle opener.

₹ 1,600



The Purple Turtles

This metal wire bird cage lamp is both functional and aesthetically charming.

₹ 6,500



The Great Eastern Home

This marble water fountain crafted in the shape of a flower will be the piece de resistance of your outdoor decor. It is hand-carved and hand-painted.

₹ 4,77,509



A result of a neighbourhood initiative, New York's High Line park was designed keeping in mind the existing landscape and plants that grew across out-of-use elevated rail tracks. With a focus on native species, a combination of perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees were used for their hardiness, sustainability and aesthetic appeal.



Yoga Narashima Temple Hill, Melkote, Tamil Nadu, is a village dedicate to lord Vishnu. Located at the foot of the Yanaimalai Hills, the cave temple Yoga Narasimha Perumal Temple is one of the three shrines dedicated to the deity.



60 kms from Bangalore, the verdant Nandi hills have attracted many, from Indian royalty to members of the British Raj. Its climate has made it conducive to the growth of several species of plants, many rare as well as some endemic to the Western Ghats. The hills are also a haven for birds.

Landscapes of Engagement

Amidst ever increasing urbanization, the need of the hour is to go back to nature. By taking note of traditional techniques and keeping in mind the terrain, weather and key elements of ones immediate environment, one can create lush oasis that engender tranquility and encourage biodiversity. Read on for more inspiration.

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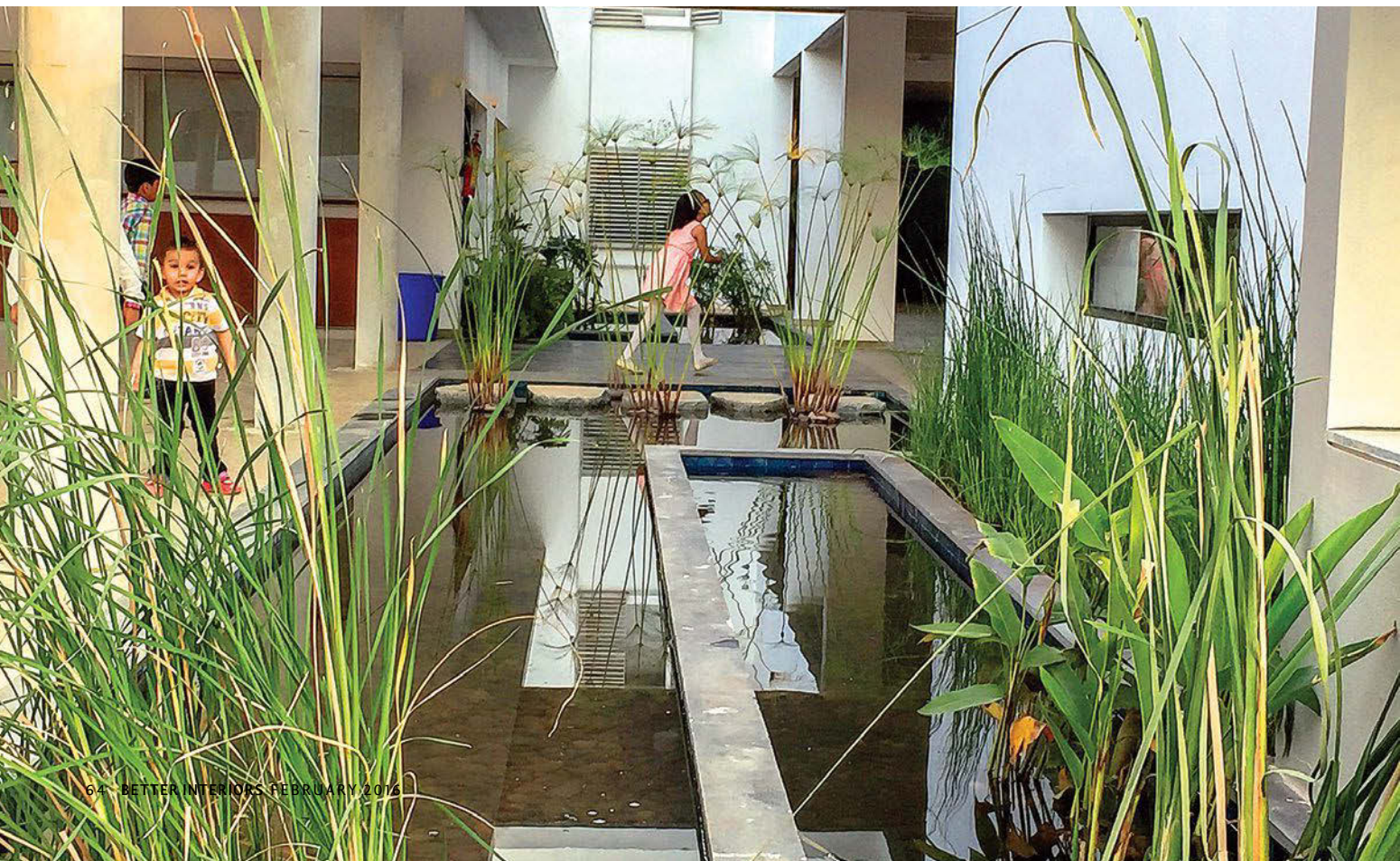
Green Revolution

Gardens can offer moments of refuge and can form a backdrop to daily life even in busy urban environments. Contemporary approaches to landscape imbue an ecological awareness, and is yet an artistic expression. While the West has approached landscape through views and vistas that placed a distance between the observer and the surrounding, traditional landscapes in India were one of personal engagement and participation. A rich cultural belief system in India made it possible to experience the extraordinary even in the everyday ordinary, divinity in trees and stones. As a result, perception of Indian landscapes required the use of various senses not just vision. Often, the most prominently called upon sense was of touch — for example, the feeling of the terrain through the soles of the feet of barefoot pilgrims' as they trekked through holy hills and mountains, or the coolness of the water of the traditional kalyanis or stepped tanks before one entered spiritual sanctums. India's landscapes were experiential and one of deep engagement. Often, these were landscapes of movement — sensational compositions that connected the user with the larger atmosphere, the skies and waters such as in Melkote, where the pilgrim journeyed through varied thresholds and encountered varied aspects of nature. This sensitivity in approach has been lost in recent times.

BEFORE DESIGNING YOUR OWN GARDEN...

- Take cues from your own context and respond to your surroundings.
- Try to use native plants or species adapted to the region. They are easier to maintain and involve less work and use fewer resources.
- Remember that a landscape can change with time and account for this. Try to highlight the seasonal qualities of a garden.
- Encourage biodiversity — the ultimate users are not people alone, we are a part of an ecosystem. Encourage beneficial insects, birds and small mammals through design and planting.
- Make outdoor spaces not only aesthetic, but productive experiences. For example, they could contain edible plant species that may provide herbs or greens that are used in every day cooking.
- Shared gardens, balconies and public spaces are options for people without private gardens.
- Understand the needs of the plants that you will incorporate in your garden. This will help you maintain your garden better.
- A garden is a great teaching tool. It can create a sense of wonder, curiosity, and encourage the ability to observe and interact with nature even in dense urban environments.
- Do not over plant; leave things to nature as well. Pollinators (birds, bees, etc) can create unexpected marvels in a garden. So do wait for a surprise.
- Avoid chemicals and try to adopt a natural regime that is safe for the environment. Composting is a great way to use waste to nourish your gardens. Use natural pesticides such as neem to keep pests at bay.

Besides being visually soothing, biological ponds act as rainwater harvesting tools, not just capturing storm water, but also treating it through biological filtration. They can also incorporate diversity in flora and fauna





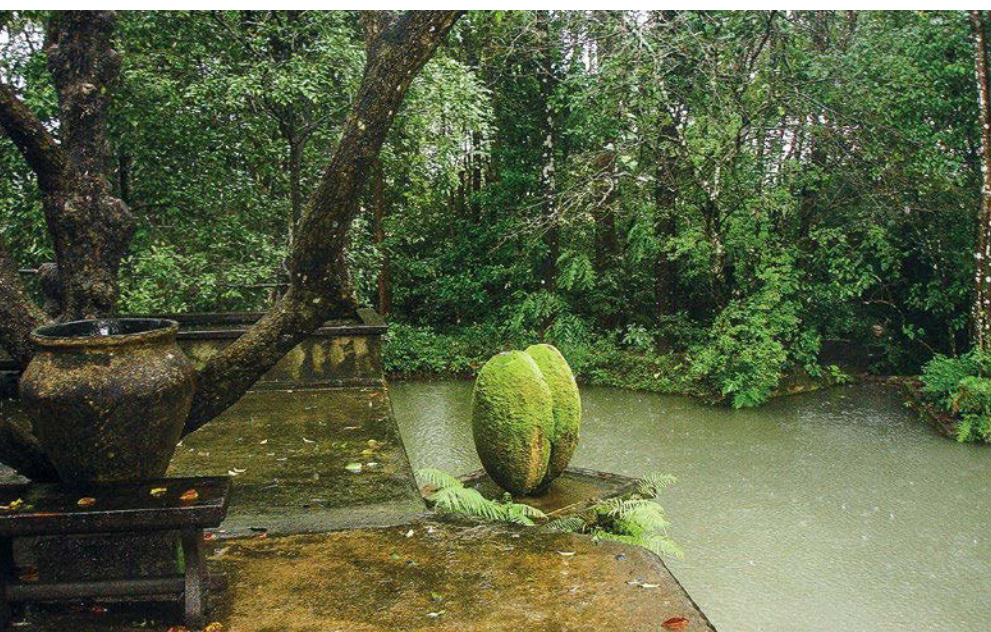
TOP In the concrete jungle of New York, High Line's Sundeck forms and oasis that gives urban dwellers the chance to interact with nature. Lounge chairs and a water feature, add to the resort-like atmosphere.

ABOVE The High Line park is a prime example of how urban wastelands can be reclaimed to benefit both the environment and the local community.

While globally, landscape architecture is moving away from the trend of scenic landscapes to working ones, where the landscape offers solutions to greater environmental issues, we continue to aspire for Italian gardens and Mediterranean villa landscapes in our cities and Bali gardens in our resorts. Instead of seeking a borrowed aesthetic often not befitting our own context, why not use traditional knowledge in new ways and rediscover the beauty that our own landscapes have to offer? So here, for your inspiration, we have a few distinctive landscapes that offer a range of ideas such as: reuse of abandoned resources, re-wilding, connectivity between the built and the unbuilt, biodiversity in urban conditions and environmental restoration.

High Line by Diller Scofidio + Renfro, James Corner (Landscape Architect) and Piet Oudolf (Planting Designer)

A historic unused freight railway line in New York City was given a new lease of life through its conversion into an overhead public promenade and park. It is amongst the best loved and most visited public park spaces in recent times. The Friends of High Line was founded by local residents who advocated the opening of the High Line as a public space and continue to remain an integral part of its maintenance. Landscaping



TOP A spring flowing through the grounds of Sri Lankan architect Laki Senanayake's home gave rise to the tranquil water garden of Diyababula where one is surrounded by lush forest-like vegetation as well as several of his artistic creations.

ABOVE Planted podiums over the water gardens, at Diyababula.

trends have seen a shift from clean, sterile compositions, to more landscapes that mimic natural systems. The ingenuity of landscape architecture firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, landscape architect James Corner, and divine planting design by Piet Oudolf transports one out of the concrete jungles of one of the world's busiest cities into sensuous meadowscapes.

For more information, visit: www.thehighline.org

Vertical Gardens by Patrick Blanc

French botanist Patrick Blanc has contributed to making gorgeous rich vertical vegetal gardens a trend the world over. He has executed numerous projects around the globe, including public ones such as the Musée du Quai Branly and Caixa Forum Madrid. He has also built green walls in New Delhi.

For more information, visit: <http://www.verticalgardenpatrickblanc.com/>

Heritage Kandarma by Geoffrey Bawa

Geoffrey Bawa, the Asian design guru and the master of sensory landscapes, seamlessly melded the inside and the outside. Bawa was an inspirational aesthetician, and has had a

lasting influence on the Asian design community. His own garden Lunuganga, was a testing ground for ideas for nearly 50 years. Ideas that he applied in his other projects including urban ones. Bawa's former office is now Paradise Road Gallery Cafe, and a series of courtyard gardens dot the building of multifarious moods. In his masterpiece, Heritance Kandalama in central Sri Lanka, the vegetation literally takes over the building, camouflaging it. He was unabashed about facilitating close encounters between guests and the landscape, and the building acted as a belvedere affording views of the surrounding Kandalama tank and distant ancient citadel of Sigiriya. He also incorporated elements from vernacular Sri Lankan landscape into the gardens.

For more information, visit: www.heritancehotels.com/kandalama; www.geoffreybawa.com/lunuganga-country-estate

Diyabubula by Laki Senanyake

Gifted Sri Lankan artist and designer Laki Senanyake's (Bawa's friend and colleague)

PLANTS FOR THE INDIAN GARDEN

- Lawns require energy and chemical maintenance. Try to replace them with permeable material such as gravel and or native ground covers.
- Use plants that are hardy and well-adapted for the Indian environment.
- With children, use plants that will create curiosity. For example, *Cyperus papyrus* (paper reed) for its sheer form and texture, or *Mimosa pudica* (colloquially known as the touch-me-not plant) with its response to movement.
- Certain plants that appear unattractive to humans could be very attractive for other species; *jatropha*, for instance, attract pollinators.
- Plants that are often overlooked for being too common, such as *tulsi* (*Ocimum* species), can be great in your garden and easy to maintain, and will thrive in most conditions.
- Certain plants can be incorporated for their aesthetic value. Agave does well in sunny locations and requires minimal maintenance.
- Clover (*Trifolium* sp) is a great alternative for lawns; it's also nitrogen fixing instead of the energy and resource sapping.
- Plants such as *Calotropis gigantea* and *Ixora* attract butterflies.



Sri Lankan architect Palinda Kannangara's Tower House embraces nature in the midst of urbanity. Covered in vegetation, the house culminates into the piece de resistance, a magical rooftop aquascape at the mezzanine level, with a pond home to several plants, fish and amphibians.

Green Revolution



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT A result of innovative and unusual landscaping conceptualized and executed by design legend Geoffrey Bawa, Heritance Kandalama in Sigiriya, Sri Lanka is camouflaged by dense vegetation.

Patrick Blanc's Green Wall at Caxia Forum Madrid is an example of how one can reconcile nature and urbanity. The verdant four-storey wall stands in contrast to the warm rust of the adjacent building and provides city dwellers respite from the heat during the day.

The courtyard at Geoffrey Bawa's former office, that's now the Paradise Road Gallery Cafe.

own garden, Diyabubula in the Dambulla region, is a water garden originally built around the artist's dwelling pavilion. Diyabubula (meaning gurgling brook in Sinhala) reflects in its design, its seasonality (the monsoons) and is an artful composition of water harvesting and planting. Delightfully inhabited by birds and marauding monkeys, the garden is also a living gallery space for this marvellous artist's artwork and sculpture.

For more information, visit: www.diyabubula.com

Tower House, Kotikawatta by Palinda Kannangara

The compact studio/dwelling tower of Sri Lankan architect Palinda Kannangara, on 16 ft by 16 ft, is all about living with the landscape, despite being located in a city environment. The footprint of the tower was kept small to accommodate a larger garden with native fruit trees such as *jamun* and mango. The tower dwelling is one of unexpected surprises that reveal themselves gradually — as one ascends, tree canopies, creepers, ferns, lush vegetation and finally, a dramatic aquascape at the mezzanine level become visible. The pond planting is one of natural succession. Initially dotted with a few reeds and water



The footprint of the Palinda Kannagara's Tower House was deliberately kept small in order to accommodate a larger garden instead, which incorporated large native trees such as *jamun* and mango.

BOOKSHELF

- *Jungle Trees of Central India* by Pradip Kishen
- *Trees of Delhi* by Pradip Kishen
- *Seed Swap* by Josie Jeffrey
- *Eat Up* by Lauren Mandel (on edible gardens)
- *Know All about Soil* by Vijitha Mukherjee (for children)

plants, the pond has over time accommodated other species. Tiny fish flit and amphibians lounge by its side — nearly 15 species of birds and animals reportedly visit the gardens. The reeds in the pond screen the neighbouring buildings, creating a feeling of being deep in a forest. A lesson that small urban spaces too can be lush, biodiverse escapes.

For more information, visit: www.palindakannagara.com

Rao Jodha Desert Park, Rajasthan

In our own country, a remarkable effort has been made to restore a rocky wasteland into a wonderful ecological park that reflects the plant palette and ecology of the Thar Desert. An initiative by the Mehrangarh Trust, the park was designed by filmmaker Pradip Kishen, who has also authored two marvellous books on the trees of India. He cleared the existing wastelands of the invasive *Prosopis juliflora*

known commonly as *baavlia* (or the mad one) and restored the native species that thrive in this desert ecosystem, creating a seasonal tapestry that comes alive during the monsoons but is equally beautiful during the dry season. For more information, visit: www.raojodhapark.com

Globally, designers are realizing the importance of adopting more environmentally-aware approaches to landscape architecture. This includes ideas to remediate environmental issues through a working or productive landscape, countering water problems through storm management systems built into road networks in green streets (as seen in cities like Portland, USA), or even producing food as evident in projects like the Edible Garden movement that use available common spaces in cities to produce food.

Traditional practices can also offer lessons in environmental techniques and sustainable systems. Hampi, for example, is a boulder landscape that uses advanced but indigenous techniques of water harvesting and management. Home gardens once made households self sufficient to a degree — a lemon tree, a few chilli plants, tulsi and curry leaves dotted gardens where now exotic species that do little for the environment provide static beauty. See if your own tiny balconies or terraces, or shared gardens can be a part of the ecological cycle. Can your little garden provide you with your daily herbs? Can they offer space for butterflies or hold rainwater? Can they offer your children opportunities to observe or learn about the natural environment?

In Indian cities and towns there are several infrastructural project corridors (such as metro rail corridors) and disused land parcels that are currently voids. These present opportunities to integrate landscape experiences. Vacant land in neighbourhoods offers opportunities to create shared community gardens. By embracing tradition wisdom, using new technologies and adopting a more ecologically sensitive approach, our gardens and public landscapes could be ones of lasting beauty and deep engagement. **BI**

Varna Shashidhar is passionate about designing contextually rooted landscapes that celebrate art, culture and ecology. She heads a young landscape practice VSLA doing work (hospitality, institutional, residential landscapes) in and around the Indian subcontinent. She has bachelors in Architecture from RVCE and Masters in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University.



Egue y Seta has created a lush green belt with a swimming pool and sun deck in this beautiful home in Valencia, Spain. One can view the landscaped garden from the interiors through the huge iron-framed windows.

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Precisely potted plants, organically growing creepers and a stone water fountain are the classic elements incorporated by 42mm Architecture to create a sense of grandeur in this chateau in Bucknow.

PHOTOGRAPH: VIKRAMADE, COURTESY 42MMARCHITECTURE



An earthy and warm home in Santa Fe, USA is surrounded by a beautiful English country-style landscaped garden designed by Michael Violante and Paul Rochford.

Out and About

When it comes to outdoor living, the choice of surfaces, furniture, lighting, landscaping, shade structures and accessories are crucial elements that help transform your patio, backyard, terrace, etc, into an oasis of serenity, peace and joie de vivre. With the help of industry experts, we give you a complete low-down on all the essentials that'll help you create your own little outdoor haven.

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ABOVE LEFT One can easily spend hours soaking in the sun during winters or enjoying the rains on this private terrace verandah designed by Pinakin Design LLP comprising of deck flooring and a cosy lounge sofa.

ABOVE RIGHT The Courtyard House created by architect Abin Chaudhuri in Bangalore is designed in such a way that the entire built form is privy to a beautiful open courtyard. Here, the boundaries between the indoors and outdoors are blurred as they flow seamlessly into each other, embracing nature in its fold.

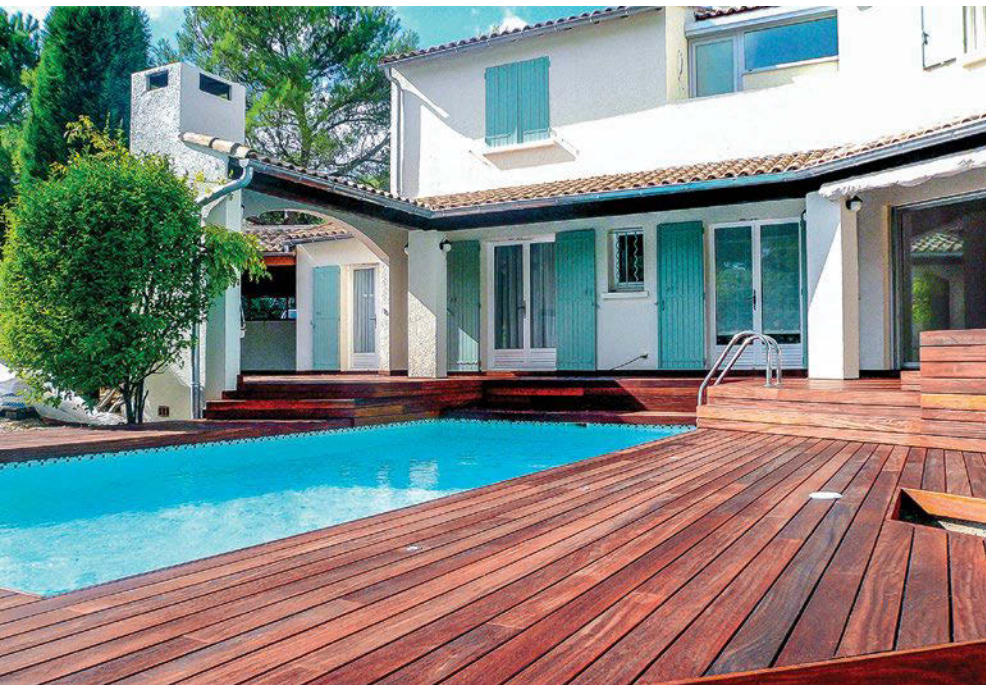
Outdoor living today has become as important as an interior space. Warmer temperatures, bright blue skies and sunny days lure people to open the doors and step outside. This brings with it detailed exterior functionality and design requirements, and a need for careful integration of architecture with landscape design and an extended budget. While residences in most metropolitan cities in India aren't privy to the luxury of a lavish garden, small verandas, terraces and decks have evolved as an expansion of the indoor living space. To make the most of your outdoor space — whether it's a quiet verandah with potted plants for you to curl up and relax; a deck with barbeque for entertaining family and friends, a small pool for the kids to play in — it's important to take time to really consider the look and feel you're going for, how you will use the space, and how it will connect to your home. Whether it's a yard, terrace, patio or a porch, the choice of flooring, furniture, lighting, water bodies, landscaping and accessories are important for decorating and beautifying the outdoors.



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UNDER FOOT

Once the function of the outdoor space has been defined, one must delve into the details of the design, starting with the flooring. An unending list of styles, textures and finishes are available in the market today, leaving the consumer spoilt for choice. However, there are a few things to be considered before one chooses the flooring. Abhishek Saraf, Director, Square Foot, believes, "There are two things one must keep in mind before selecting outdoor flooring: general climate of that region and the type of place you wish to transform your space into." "The ability to withstand weathering, endure heavy weight and foot traffic and prevent water absorption, whether it is neutral to UV rays and has ease of maintenance are important aspects to find out before finalizing the flooring," says Ashok Goyal, CEO, Nitco. Wood, concrete, tile, brick, pavers and natural stones are some of the types of flooring that are suitable for a terrace, garden or patio. Concrete is often used as a base, but it can serve as a stand-alone option as well. It is long-lasting, inexpensive and easy to maintain; though, if it does crack, it's difficult repair. "Wood decking offers easy

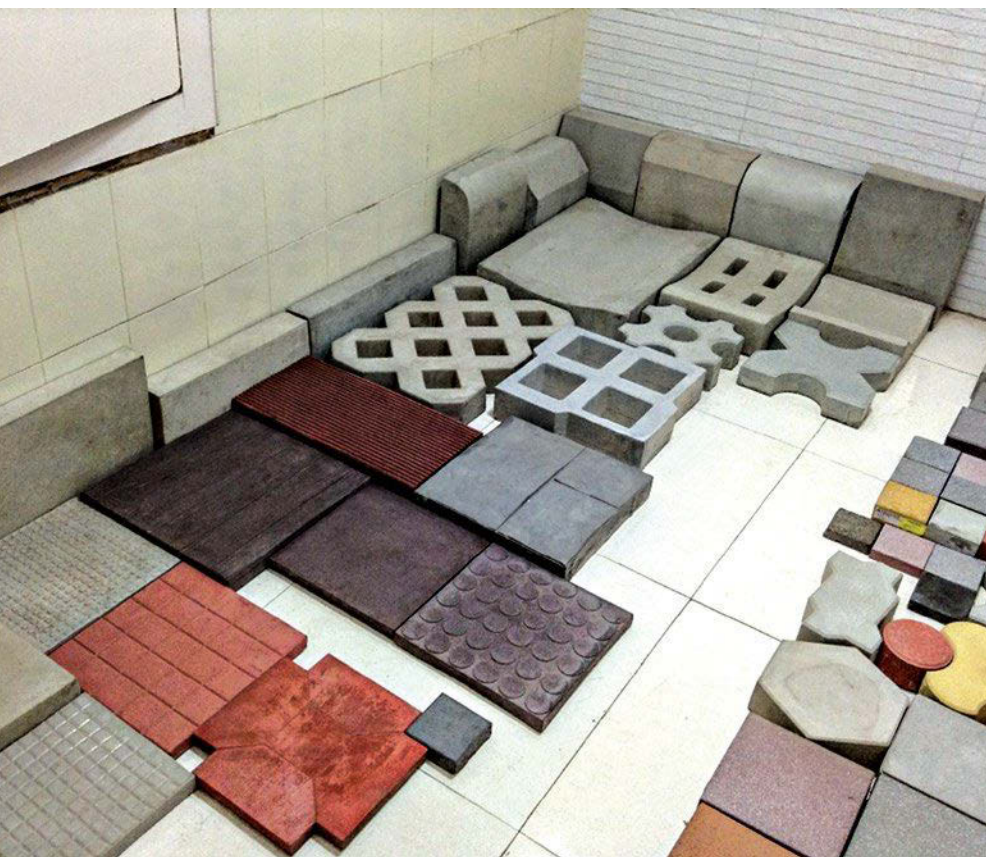
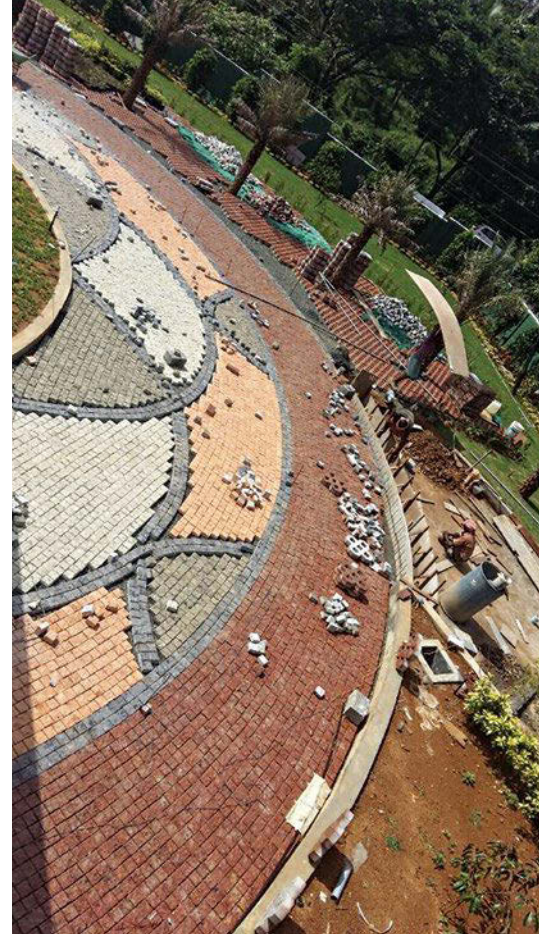


TOP Square foot's new Tile Deck and Long Deck flooring are perfect for decks, terraces and patios.

ABOVE Notion has introduced invisible fixation system in solid outdoor decking and cladding enabling the installation of planks without any apparent screw, improving both the resistance of structure and gives perfectly homogeneous aesthetics.

installation, but the wood itself requires a thorough cleaning and resealing every couple of years to maintain its beauty," points out Ashok. When properly installed, tiles will typically last for generations with minimal care. Natural stone, ceramic, and porcelain are common outdoor tile flooring choices, and are available in a plethora of colours, sizes, and patterns. Nitco's Kratos Collection of outdoor digital vitrified tiles come in a unique range of finishes and textures — from cobblestone and pebbles to deck wood, all with superior grip.

Square Foot's new range of outdoor wood flooring includes two product lines: Tile Deck and Long Deck. Tile Deck, in natural wood and in composite, is made by profiling and grooving wooden stripes that are then mounted on a special plastic resin grid base. Long Deck is made with wooden planks screwed on to a support base in teak or in composite that supports them. The Terra Rosa range of clay pavers by Keramos are available in colours ranging from dull ochre to fire red — perfect to give an earthy feel to any space. Notion, on the other hand, offers a



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT The paver blocks manufactured by Pavers India hold good strength, good finishing, diverse shapes and good dimensions. These can be installed in gardens, lawns, farm houses and roadside pathways.

Paver blocks (manufactured by Pavers India) in various colours are being installed in an interesting geometric pattern on site.

Seen here are the various types of pavers, chequered tiles, kerbstones and designer tiles available with Pavers India.

new range of solid outdoor decking for your patios, verandahs and pool sides made from afromosia, ipe, padauk and teak.

GO GREEN

Whether you are interested in completely redesigning your landscape or simply making a few changes there are some important factors to consider before you start planting. While many people head straight to their local gardening supply store to browse the selections, creating a plan beforehand will help you choose plants that will best fit your needs and thrive in your landscape. Knowledge of the regional climate, the topography of the site and soil type is key when planning your landscape. The purpose of the yard or garden — for kids to play, for entertaining guests, etc — will determine the usage of strategic plantings and hardscapes.

Edible garden patches are a rage these days. They create a stunning effect when combined with natural lawns or placed in a nook of a terrace or balcony. "Herbs like basil, coriander, lemon grass, aloe vera and mint can be planted, and vegetables, like yellow, red and green bell peppers, or tomatoes can also be grown," says Siddhant Bhalinge, the founder of Ugao, an online store and resource for gardening-related products.



TOP A double storey structure like this one designed and made by Tropical Paradise has the advantage of two distinct areas which can be used for different purposes.

ABOVE This Pavilion Lounge created by Tropical Paradise is perfect for long conversations amidst nature as well as eating a hearty meal with family on a cold winter night.

SIT AND RELAX

Nothing refreshes the soul like clean air, sunshine and spending quality time with loved ones amidst nature. A good dose of backyard serenity or terrace tranquility can do wonders for your perspective on life. A key element in achieving a well-defined and well-enjoyed outdoor living space is outdoor furniture that fits your personal style and particular budget. Of the numerous choices available in the market today, synthetic woven outdoor furniture, wrought iron, teak wood, synthetic rattan and fibreglass are some of the trending options.

CK Chengappa of Bangalore-based Patio, a lifestyle store for outdoor products, informs us that the brand is the first one to introduce fibreglass furniture in the country. Fibreglass (a strong, light material made by twisting together small threads of glass and plastic) furniture does not warp, rust, crack, corrode, or shrink. It can be moulded into any shape and given any desired colour, its versatility making it a popular option for outdoor future.

Ghaziabad-based Loom Crafts has recently launched the Braid & Rope Furniture range, which is made of synthetic threads braided and used for weaving. "The entire collection features UV Stabilized Polynol Synthetic Braids and Ropes meticulously woven over aluminium, stainless steel and wood frames

In Focus



LEFT The Vis a Vis Experience Centre in New Delhi is spread over 2.5 acres and showcases experiential lighting concepts that can be applied using the best of technology.

CENTRE The gorgeous Foscarini Solar outdoor lamp has been designed by Jean-Marie Massaud and available with Vis a Vis. It is made of rotational moulded polyethylene, gres and varnished metal.

BELOW Aldabra's specialized lighting for facades and landscapes (available with Vis a Vis) can create any mood in the outdoor environment. From drive-over patterns to creating moon-light for dapple effect and from different shades of white light to accents of 16 million possible colours, everything is possible.

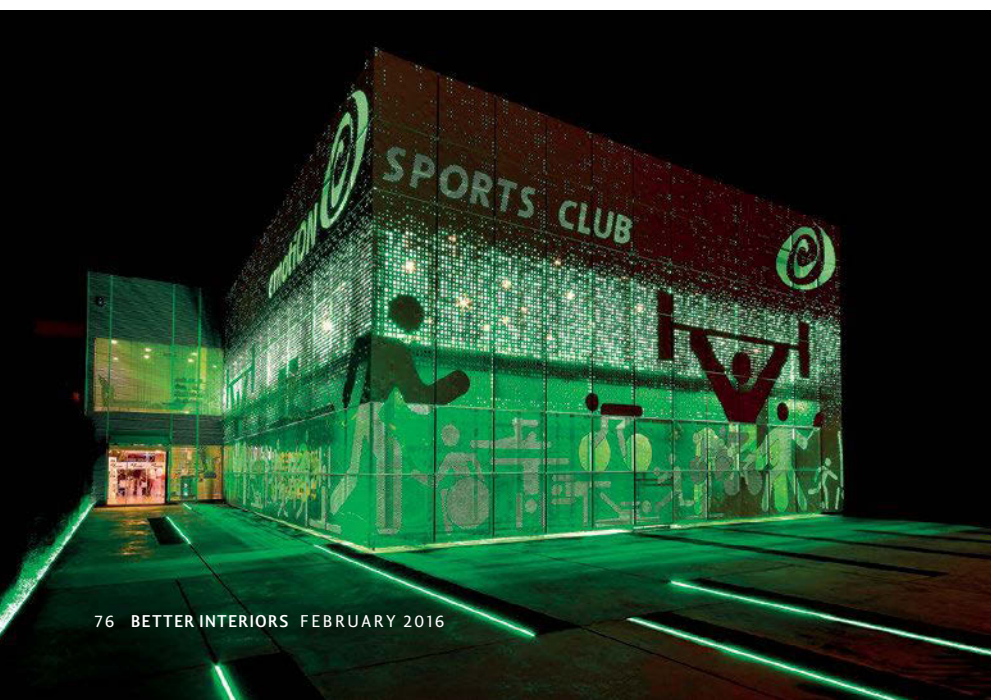


to enhance its strength and durability, thereby making it robust in nature and opulent in appeal," informs Surinder Jindal, CEO, Loom Crafts. However, Sameer Hora, Managing Director, Idus, cautions, "It is advisable to select furniture that has synthetic fibres and which is UV-stabilized for all weather conditions. Outdoor pieces should be dirt repellent, strong and environment-friendly."

HEAD GEAR

Pergolas, gazebos, awnings and other shade structures are perfect to enjoy the outdoors even when the conditions outside are less than appealing. At the height of summer, you can relax and entertain outdoors without being overwhelmed by the beating sun. They also protect outdoor furniture, floors and carpets from fading caused by harsh sun rays or torrential rains.

A pergola will provide lovely dappled shade but not much protection from driving rain, while a gazebo or summerhouse will keep things dry but can feel more like sitting inside on a sunny day. A gazebo is an eight-sided structure with a solid roof, most commonly used in traditional garden styles like English or French. A shade sail is another modern way of gaining relief from the sun. The fabric is stretched across specially engineered poles to accent and cover a seating area or patio. Shade sails look great with the straight lines and simple geometry seen on contemporary homes.





ABOVE The Manolo range of outdoor furniture with Idus is inspired by the curves of a lady's sandals. It is made of synthetic rattan vines over a steel frame and bound with rattan strips.

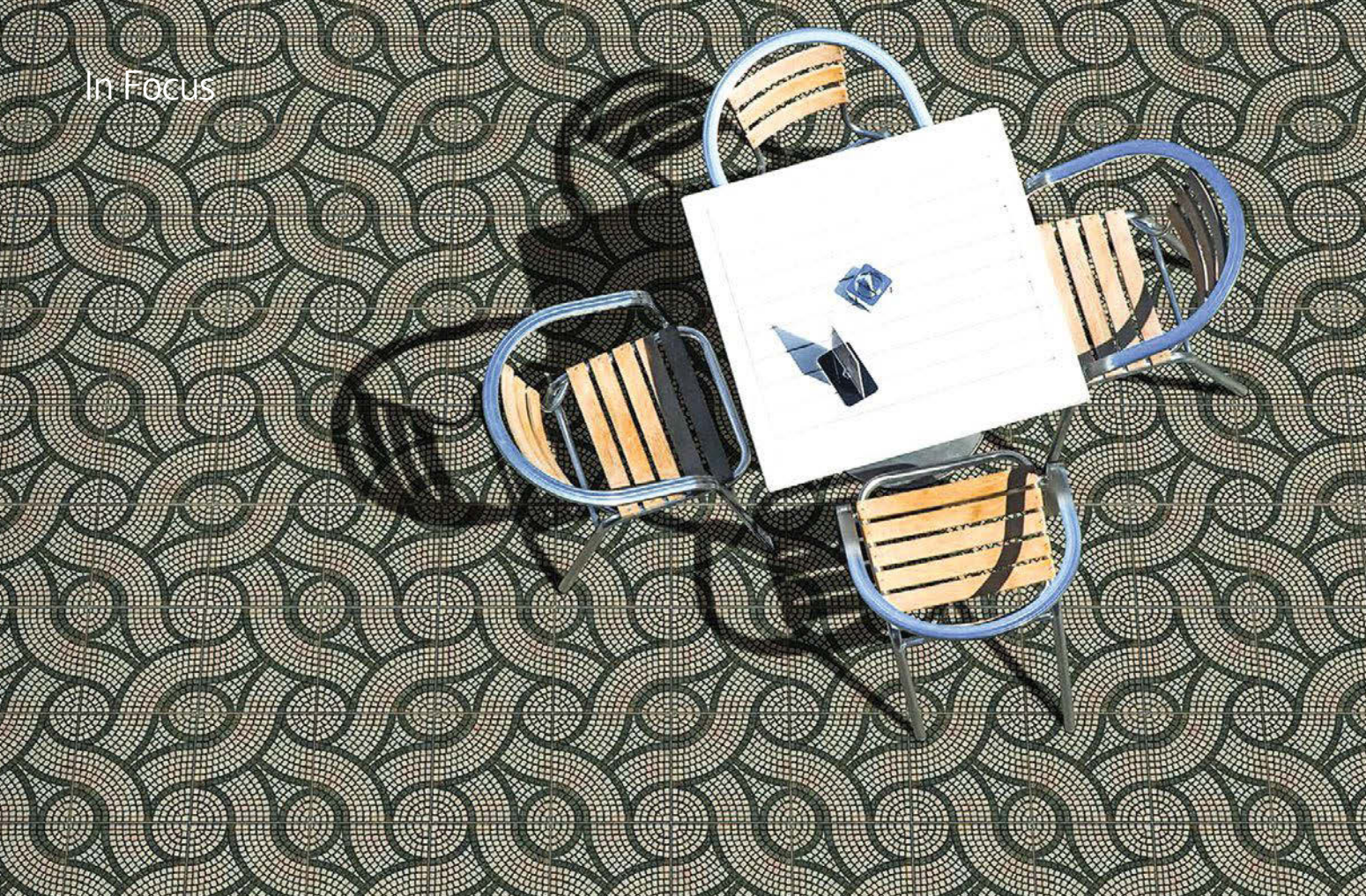
LEFT FOS Lighting's classic hanging light in antique copper finish has been hand crafted and hand finished in aluminium and acrylic.

Alibaug-based Tropical Paradise, founded by Zane Pedder, is a company that specializes in creating and customising pergolas, gazebos and other Bali-inspired structures for homes. The company specially imports hardwoods, roofing shingles, natural and synthetic thatch and woven jute from the East, for these traditional structures. The modern designs incorporating galvanized steel framework with glass and metal roofing sheets or tensile are sourced from suppliers based in Australia, South Africa and Dubai. Zane tell us, "All our structures are made out of totally natural resources, from the wood, which comprises the main frame and floor, to the roof, which again is created either from natural thatch, wood shingles or woven jute (canvas). These structures are ready-to-use in any outdoor surrounding be it your garden, rooftop or an extension to your patio."

SHEDDING LIGHT

Decorative outdoor lighting gives an outdoor space a dramatic character and is an extension of the interiors. The lighting not only adds splendour and magic to the ambience, but it is also important for safety.

For a relaxed vibe, one should combine permanent fixtures with movable accents. Wall-mounted fishing lights and ground-level up lighters will create a gentle glow. When asked about which lighting fixtures work in which space, Kunal Rohatgi, Director, FOS Lighting advises, "Exterior pillar lights should





CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT The Landscape Iris tile from Nitco's Kratos series is an industrial heavy duty tile available in vibrant textures and patterns.

This dining table and chair set from Loom Crafts is woven with Synthetic Braids & Ropes. When placed outdoors, it exudes both classic and contemporary feel.

Place these three stylish couches and tables on your patio or terrace and up the style-quotient of your home. Made by Loom Crafts, it is part of their latest Synthetic Braids & Ropes range.

Part of the Kratos collection, the Walkway matte tiles with its geometric patterns; looks lovely when installed near swimming pools.



be used to highlight entrances; foot lights and bulkhead lights are sturdy enough to illuminate dark corners, while path lights or bollards highlight the path giving your outdoor space or terrace a soothing and serene ambience. "From mood lighting with candles and bringing fireflies into our garden, to geometric profiling patterns and a surreal use of colours, brands like ERCO-Germany, Aldabra-Italy and Castaldi-Italy have created tools and technology that don't curb a designers imagination," informs Amit Gupta, Director, Vis a Vis. Though the Indian consumer is becoming more aware of the importance of exterior lighting, Amit believes that it is essential for the landscape designer to guide the client when introducing specialised lighting concepts for the garden.

GO WITH THE FLOW

Besides being pleasing to the eye, water features are an important source of life and have a calming and healing effect on our emotional and physical well being. Adding perspective to the reason Indian homes often incorporate water features, Rehan Jais, owner of Delhi-based Green Evolutions says, "Generally 40 per cent of people adopt a water body from a Vaastu point of view and place it in the north-east direction. The remaining accommodates a water body to enhance the aesthetic appeal of their homes." Irrespective of the purpose, while choosing a water feature, factors such as pattern, surface, contrast, scale and balance are essential. From containers, jars and two-tier structures to ponds and water fountains, you can choose a water feature depending on the space available, the budget and the design requirement. New functional technologies in the range of wire curtains,



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT Forming a shaded walkway in the garden, this pergola in wood finish has been designed and made by Patio Bangalore.

This funky peanut bench has been shaped from fiberglass. Since fiberglass is non-porous, it helps resist algae growth and makes it almost impossible to accumulate dirt on the bench.

Patio Bangalore has introduced fiberglass furniture in various shapes, sizes and colours. This bottle green chair and table would merge beautifully in any garden.



ABOVE The Giallo pavers, stones are part of the Antique Stone series launched by Keramos. A unique collection of various stones from across the Indian subcontinent, they are cut into appealing shapes and tumbled for a soft look.

LEFT The Cofu Giallo tiles from Keramos' Yamu Sandwash series is a mix of sand-like marble/stone chips and cement. Its earthy and warm colour merges perfectly with the furniture and chandelier in this lounge area.

falls and fountains to products like nozzles, fibre waterfalls, LED lights and water pumps are imported and easily accessible, points out Rehan.

"Pond-less water features are also readily available. After installing one, all you need to do is plug it in. Fitted with an underground basin that holds and circulates the water through the feature, pleasant splashing sounds are created as the water cascades over the rocks into the basin," explains Siddhant.

Finally, add finishing touches to your outdoor space by decorating furniture with throws and cushions; adding form and interest with sculptures, planters, birdhouses and wind chimes; and introducing colour with dining accessories such as ice buckets, serving bowls and glassware.

There is little difference in the quality of a house's interiors and a first-rate outdoor space. It requires equal amount of detailing, planning, creativity and design inputs. Clearly defining the function and desired style for your outdoor spaces — as well as providing an adequate budget for the integration of architecture, design and landscape — will help you achieve a little Eden of your own. **BI**



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A simple yet luxurious home, a quirky and trendy watering hole and an office that breaks boundaries... all unique design statements.

- A dull, confined and mundane apartment in Madrid, Spain gets a new lease of life from Itta Studio. The creative renovation brought in light, warmth and space for a mesmerizing look.
- In the HITEC city of Hyderabad, Spacefiction Studio creates the extraordinary Free Flow-Traffic Bar; a space which embodies the young and the old — it is brimming with quirk, but also has the old Hyderabadi cafes at its heart.
- Architect Vivek Kharia and his team from Designtude give a refreshingly new and uncluttered look to Urban Ladder's new office in Bangalore.



Into the Light

Having taken great effort to involve their clients every step of the way, Spain-based Itta Studio transformed a cramped, gloomy Madrid apartment, devoid of any personality, into a luminous open living space that reflects the ethos of its inhabitants and exudes a modern yet classic vibe.

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The decor of the living room is a beautiful combination of the old and the new. Classic-style furniture from Vilidis, a vintage-Turkish rug, an old painting belonging to the client flanked by modern-looking lamps from El Corte Ingles atop iron side tables by Oscar Vautherin, and a Travertine marble coffee table by Creaciones Moll adorn this room.





The blue-printed cushion and the red vase add a pop of colour to the neutral palette. The mouldings and artwork seen on the walls have been retained from the old house.

Leaving the fate of your home in the hands of a group of strangers can be intimidating, especially when it means throwing out cherished belongings and starting from scratch. But when you end up with interior designers Israel Egio and Alejandra Fontelos of Itta Studio — who believe in collaborating with their clients every step of the way, understanding their needs and incorporating their personalities into the home with a refined aesthetic — all worries go out the window. This young and enthusiastic firm based in Spain takes on decoration, interior design and furniture design (and other services such as energy certifications) work for any kind of project; and turn them into beautiful, awe-inducing spaces.

Such was the case of this 1,500 square feet apartment in Madrid, Spain which Itta Studio designed for a couple in their 50's. When they approached Israel and Alejandra to renovate their dull, prosaic and cramped apartment, their brief to the team was simple: a modern space with a classic touch that could incorporate all the art and some of the accessories close to their hearts. As is a practice of the studio, they involved the clients in the project from the very beginning — multiple discussions took place on key points such as the structural changes, colours schemes, accessorizing and the budget.

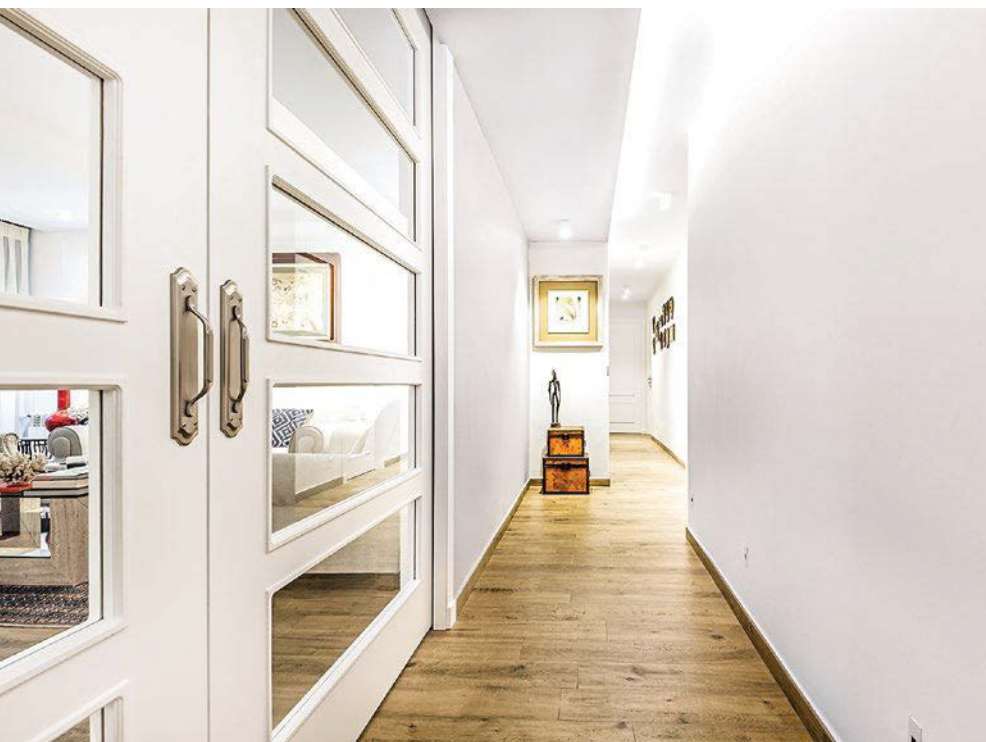
A dining and living area, kitchen, sitting room and three bedrooms make up the spatial composition of this apartment. When Israel and Alejandra first stepped into it, they saw a huge space punctuated by several doors and antiques that seemed out of place. Devoid of light, openness and character, the first instinct was to strip these down and create a seamless, light-filled home that radiates a classical style.

The multiple doors and walls cramming the hallway, which runs through the entire length of the flat, were eliminated at once. On one side of the hallway lie the living, dining, sitting rooms, master bedroom and a second bedroom while the kitchen, another bedroom and two bathrooms fall on the other side. The designers broke down two walls — one that led to the living room and the other that created a partition between the living and dining areas. This resulted in both rooms becoming one cohesive space with renewed length and vivacity. This unification and the creation of a point of access to the living room through a large passage with sliding doors added to the square footage as well as the openness of the space. Since the couple spent minimal time at home due to their respective jobs (the military and a commercial company respectively) and love having friends over on weekends, this area was designated as a space for socializing.



INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Israel Egio and
Alejandra Fontelos



An unobstructed view of the living area and passageway has been achieved by demolishing the dividing wall and creating a sliding door. Coupled with the porcelain tile flooring and the white walls, it makes the entire space look expansive. Even when the door is closed, the glass panels add to the visual breadth of the space.

CONCEPT: To renovate an apartment that uses the clients' collection of art and accessories and has a classic, modern and comfortable vibe.

The architects also increased the height of the ceiling and stripped down the gotele (a technique of applying a thick layer of paint to create an uneven finish, used in Spain). The mouldings, however, were retained as they supported the classical look the architects had envisioned. Porcelain tiles with a wood finish from Marazzi were used for the flooring throughout the house. This lends warmth as well as ties the entire space together. The walls in the apartment have been kept white in contrast to the classical-style furniture. The sofas and the wing chairs in the living room are upholstered in textured fabric from Roma that looks elegant and suave. Colour was introduced by way of a kilim and table lamps.

A modern and sleek look has been achieved in the dining area with the earthy walnut wood furniture and the ceiling lamp. The passage leading to the bedrooms has been illuminated with indirect lighting while a number of artworks adorn a wall. Adjoining the living room is the sitting area. A comfy grey sofa, a set of three side tables and a study





CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT Like the living room, the sitting area also has an elegant and classy vibe. The iron nest tables by Kare Design in copper, bronze and silver stand with pride beside a simple grey sofa bed by Ecus.

An African figurine (which the couple bought in Cameroon) stands tall on vintage trunks purchased at a flea market. Placed in one corner of the otherwise plain hallway, it is bound to catch one's attention.

Pretty and vibrant, floral-printed fabric by Coordonne has been used to upholster the bow window in the daughter's bedroom.

The Austin Bark wing chair from Romo in the living area has been clothed in an Aztec-inspired small-scale geometric pattern woven with lustrous viscose and linen yarn.

Sliding doors with glass panels lead to the living and dining areas.

A trumpet bought at a flea market sits atop the walnut sideboard in the dining room.

The *ikat* silk cushion by Tailak and cotton cushions from Maison du Monde merge well with the beige bed in the master bedroom.

Dinner at the La Paz house will be a glorious event when served in porcelain dinner plates by Capeans with cutlery and glassware by Villeroy & Boch.

The Kendal Sandstone fabric from Roma on the sofa comprises a classic herringbone design woven with a soft viscose chenille yarn.



The bow window acts like a little private sanctuary. The colour of the bedding and cushion pops against the pristine white of the walls and curtains.



ABOVE The beige bed linen, *ikat* cushion, kilim and chair help create a cosy and comforting ambience in the master bedroom.

LEFT Seen here is a colonial-style teak table from Original House with a table lamp that has a white porcelain base.

MATERIALS

Flooring TreverHome wood effect porcelain tiles by Marazzi
Walls Plastic paint
Furniture Wood



desk are kept here. The teenage daughter's bedroom has a youthful aura, achieved through the use of bright upholstery. The highlight of this space is the vibrantly coloured box window seat created for her to relax, read and unwind.

Neutral colours, minimal furniture and clean lines have been employed in the master bedroom as well. Mirrors on the wardrobe not only reflect the beautiful artwork hung on the opposite wall but also create an illusion of space. Meanwhile, a Tailak cushion, kilim and teak side tables break the monotony of the otherwise pale room.

The architects have employed restraint while designing this space; and with the use of limited materials, colours as well as furniture



TOP The walnut wood dining table, beige upholstered chairs and ceiling lamp by Wever & Ducre have a modern design and lend a refined aura to the space.

ABOVE White cabinets and Roma white wall tiles by Porcelanosa make the kitchen look sleek and smart. A small breakfast table has also been included.

types, they have managed to refurbish this dull, gloomy apartment into one that is warm with positive, welcoming vibes. Each of the furniture pieces, artworks and accessories have a niche here and in turn reflect the simple yet sophisticated sensibilities of both the architects and the home owners. By trusting Israel and Alejandro, the clients were able to achieve a look they were hoping for. In turn, the architects combined their design ethos with the sensibilities of the client and the result is for all to see. Simple, sophisticated and classic; this apartment in Madrid just got better by design. **BI**

FACT FILE: Project La Paz
Location Madrid, Spain **Area** 1,500 sq ft
Principal designers Israel Egio and
 Alejandra Fontelos

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The south side on the terrace is a layered visual of exposed brick wall, red galvanized iron pipes and functional traffic lights — elements that lend an urban context to Free Flow-Traffic Bar.

Urban Graffiti

Burgeoning design firm Spacefiction Studio keeps the essence of a Hyderabad staple — the warmth and familiarity of the city's once ubiquitous Irani cafes — alive by translating the unmistakable vibe into a contemporary bar, Free Flow-Traffic Bar, in the heart of the HITEC City.

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ABOVE, LEFT To generate an authentic streetscape, the bar walls are highlighted with road signage painted by artist Khalid, an expert in mixed media.

ABOVE, RIGHT A wall in the bar is dedicated to the iconic Tetris game. An exemplar of graffiti meeting product design, the Tetris wall storage is an ode to vintage pop.

Sardar Patel Road, Hyderabad, 1995. “Let’s meet at the chai cafe.” What’s a chai cafe, you ask? Well, that’s Hyderabad lingo for an Irani bistro. Not unlike their iconic Mumbai counterparts, Hyderabad’s Irani cafes are replete with closely spaced rickety tables and wobbly chairs; snippets of intellectual conversations on politics brewing from one table mingle in mid-air with profound thoughts on poetry wafting from the adjacent one. The robust, dark sulemani or the light, creamy puana chais from a foreign land are your accompaniments over long hours with friends from different cultures.

Cut to Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, 2016. “Let’s chill at the bar.”

Walk around the exposed brick and concrete streets of Hyderabad and it is common to overhear friends making plans to unwind at their favourite watering hole, more so if you find yourself in HITEC City, which brims with the à la mode IT crowd.

The cramped yet soulful Irani cafes; the spacious yet lacklustre chain of coffee shops that have sprung up this past decade; and the bars and pubs, teeming with young energy are all

socio-cultural insignias of Hyderabad; as much as Hyderabad biryani, the Char Minar and Ramoji Film City. Free Flow-Traffic Bar, is a unique addition to this milieu; unique because it aims to create a new character based on reviving the old in a contemporary setting. Creating this idiosyncrasy out of that which was once pervasive, is a budding design firm called Spacefiction Studio, started in 2014 by architects Baba Sashank and Vindhya Guduru in Hyderabad. The duo unleash their expertise in illustration, graphic designing, script writing, street magic and interior designing; executing spaces with a predominantly architectural thread of thought.

“The three partners — all in their early twenties — wanted a cosy, energetic place which isn’t just one you visit on weekends or special occasions, like many other places in Hyderabad, but one which is extremely comfortable and conducive to stopping by for some drinks and conversations on a daily basis,” says Vindhya about the design brief. This intended vibe for Free Flow-Traffic Bar echoes the unhurried ambience intrinsic to the old Irani bistros that generously freckled the city. “The imagery that follows the thought of an Irani bistro is filled with colour, clatter and cosiness. A conscious attempt



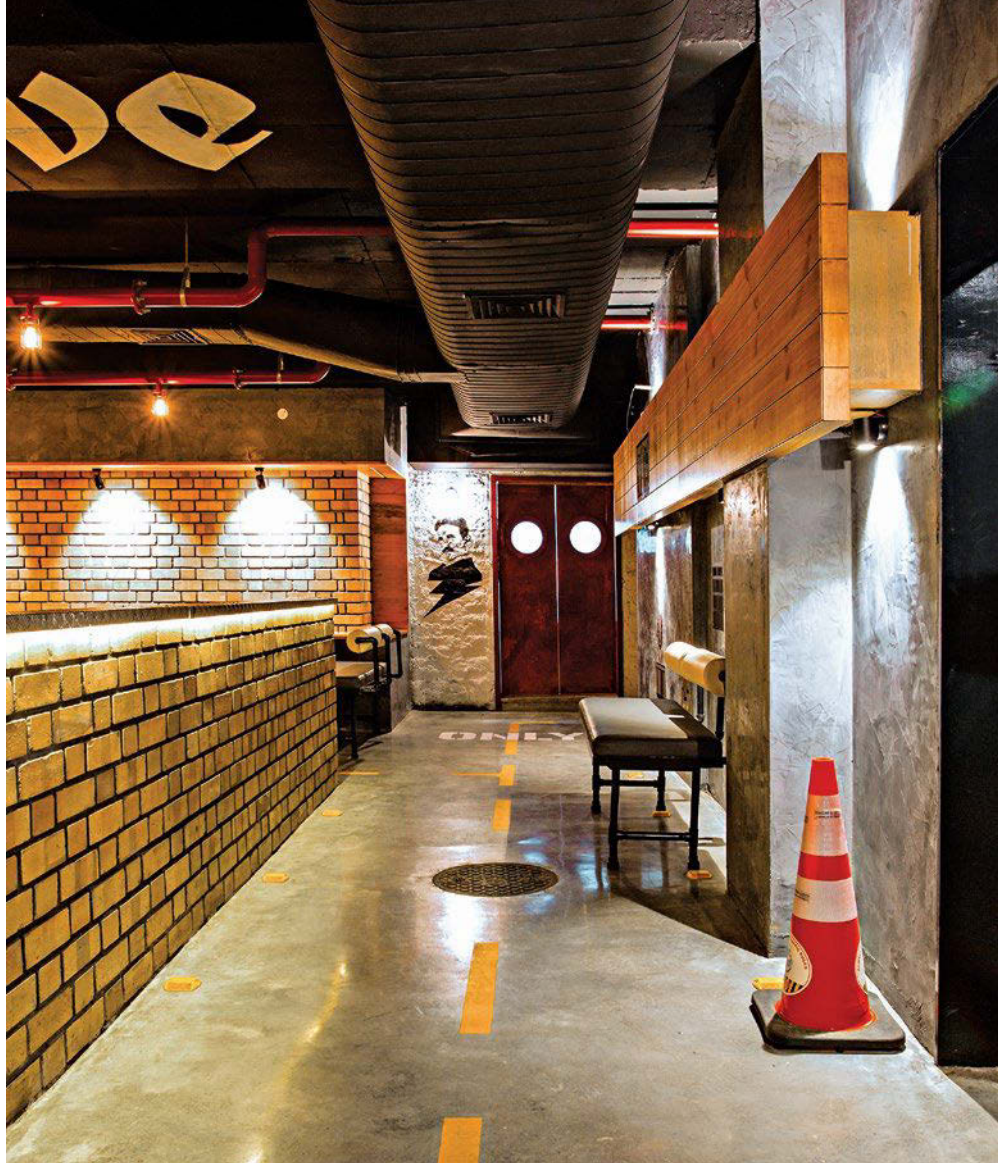
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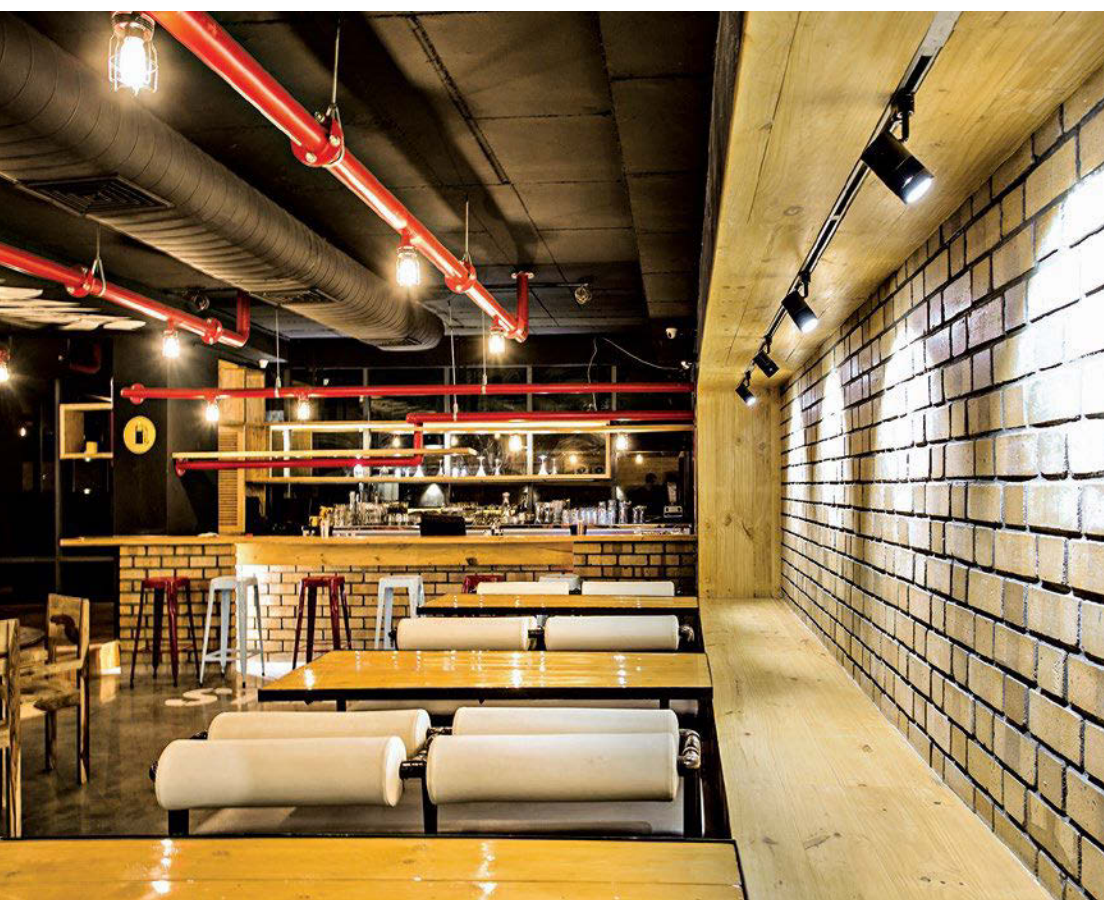
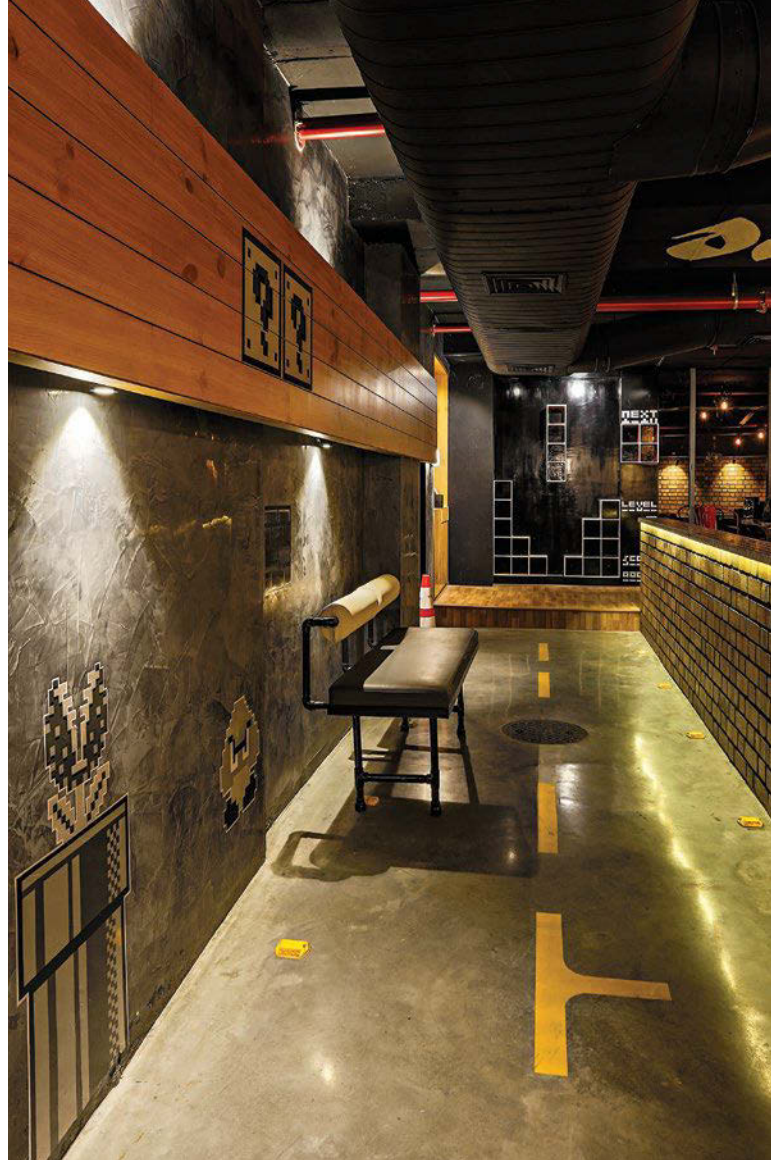
Baba Sashank and
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was made at the initial conceptualization itself to bring back this environment whose intimate seating created a cosy, lively setting."

While the Irani cafes literally and metaphorically softened the corners of Hyderabad's streetscape for over a century, Free Flow-Traffic Bar occupies the top floor (the 5th) and terrace of a commercial establishment in swish Jubilee Hills. "The site faces north, with a breathtaking view of a national park. The clients wanted another mezzanine floor above the terrace roughly equivalent to half its area. The challenge was to plan the seating on both floors in such a way that everyone gets an uninterrupted view of the park," elaborates Sashank. A potential design trigger in the guise of a challenge! Seeing opportunity here, the design team raised the north-side flooring on the 5th floor, affording the dual advantage of capitalizing on the view and creating a space that could be converted into a dance floor for private parties. A similar platform is executed on the terrace, but this time on the south side, away from the park; instead offering unobstructed views of this performance stage from the farthest end of the terrace as well as the mezzanine seating above. Consequentially, the seating layout is placed parallel allowing for a glimpse of the park. The roofing system is an example of the firm's creativity and resourcefulness. "We've left the north part of the terrace open to sky. This is because the sun starts moving low in the east, then climbs higher to the south before finally descending in the west. This way, the part that's open to sky





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On entering the bar, one is guided by yellow road lines and Solar Cats along the circulation path. The road-like set-up is made complete with salvaged manhole covers and traffic cones.

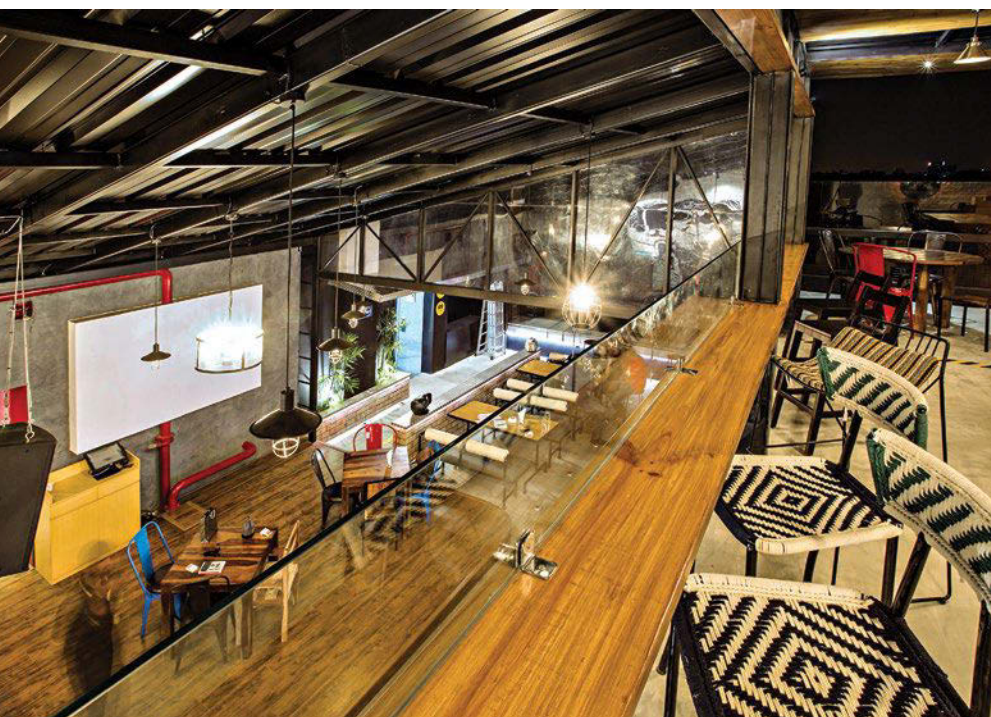
An artful rendition of a time machine dons the wall adjacent to the bar counter on the fifth floor accompanied by the 88 mph sign and number plate — subtle nods to the Back to the Future film series.

Artful galvanized iron bench seating along the entrance wall.

The lighting throughout the bar is a network of industrial pipes.

At the lower floor patrons can choose to sit on the six-seater GI dining and bench, Folix metal chair replicas or the wooden tables.

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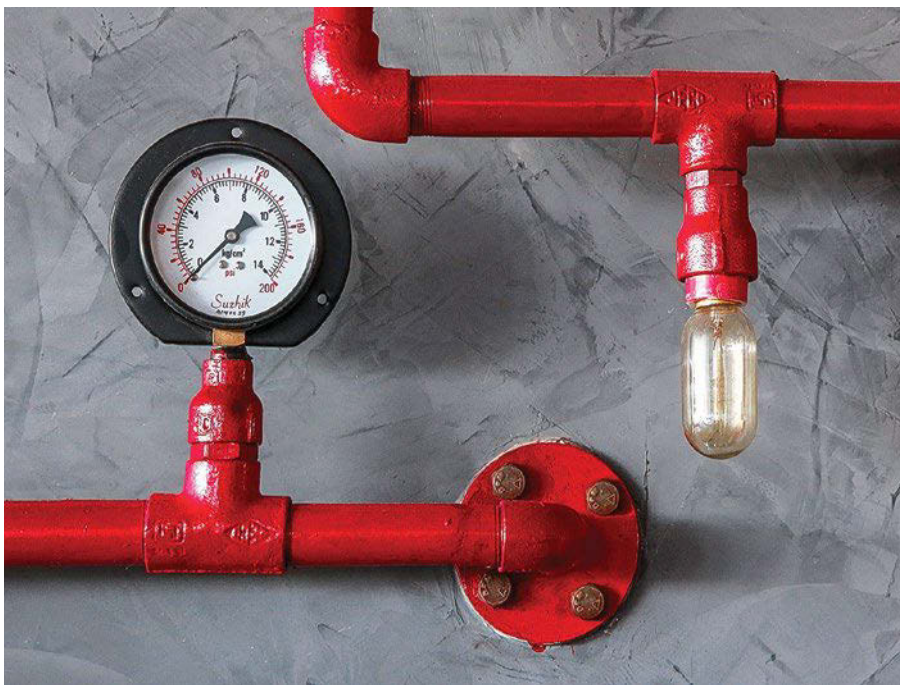
LEFT The space here is the 1,000 square-foot mezzanine, precariously supported with columns resting on the pre-stressed concrete terrace slab. It offers unending vistas of the national park on the north.

ABOVE Light fixtures and pressure metres sprout out of red galvanized iron pipes that line the walls and ceiling of the bar. The lights are secured in place with custom-designed metal mesh connected to the spouts.

CONCEPT: To create a bar highly comfortable for social interactions - one that seamlessly transitions from a day bar with themed brunches and light music to a charged, live gigs venue at night.

is always shaded by the roof of the covered portion in the south," explains Vindhya.

Contextualizing the buoyant vibe, reminiscent of the historically and traditionally significant Irani cafe, the design team set the bar amidst a material palette with a signage system and props that are heavily influenced by Hyderabad's contemporary urban scenario. "The elements that make up the city's streetscape are intricately woven into the bar's interiors," says Sashank, a keen graphic designer. "Large fire pipes house lights in specially fabricated cages on the upper floor. Painted road signs on metal sheets occupy everything from walls to coasters." Where the Irani cafes had the visual connectivity and continuous hum of traffic to mark them as fluid extensions of the street, the street is made a part of Free Flow-Traffic Bar via concrete floors luridly painted with road lines and road signs. This urban setting is made complete by strategically placing real traffic equipment, such as manhole covers, warning tape, turnabout convex mirrors, solar cat eyes,



TOP The 40-seater mezzanine overlooks the seating below on the terrace. A theatrically sloping metal roof from the mezzanine, follows one's line of vision to the performance below.

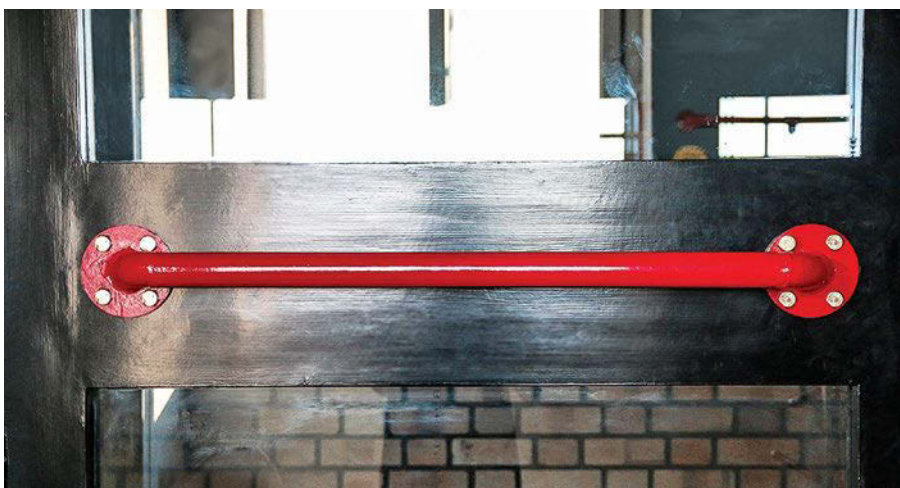
CENTRE The architects cleverly find alternative use for GI pipes in the form of handles, foot rests and exposed toilet pipes.

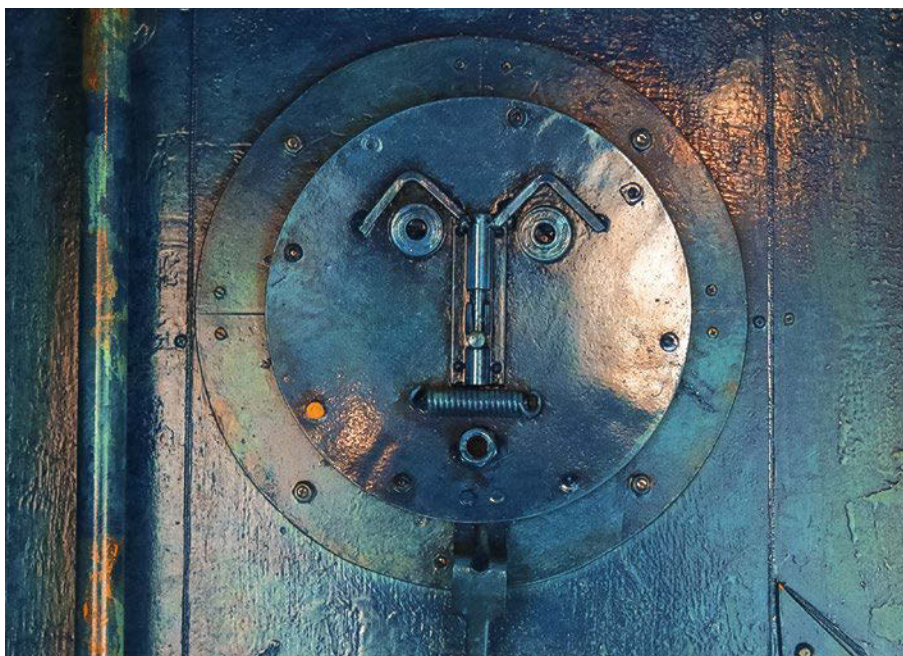
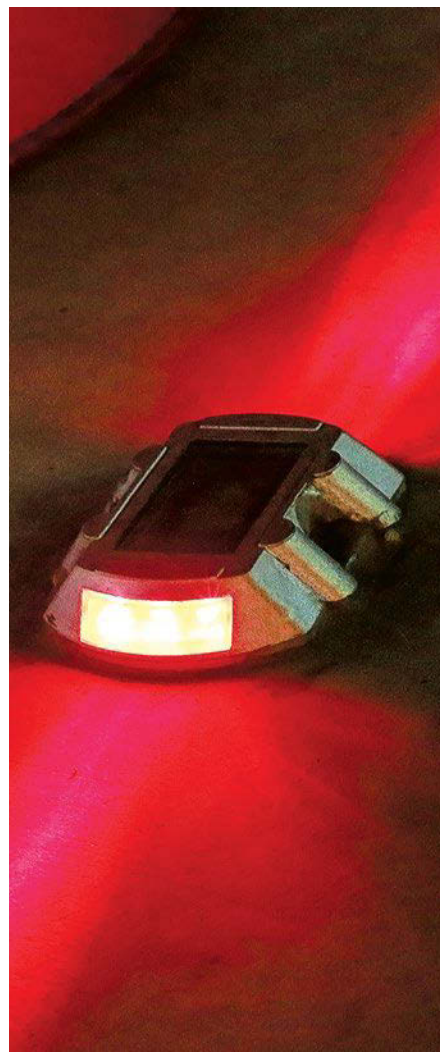
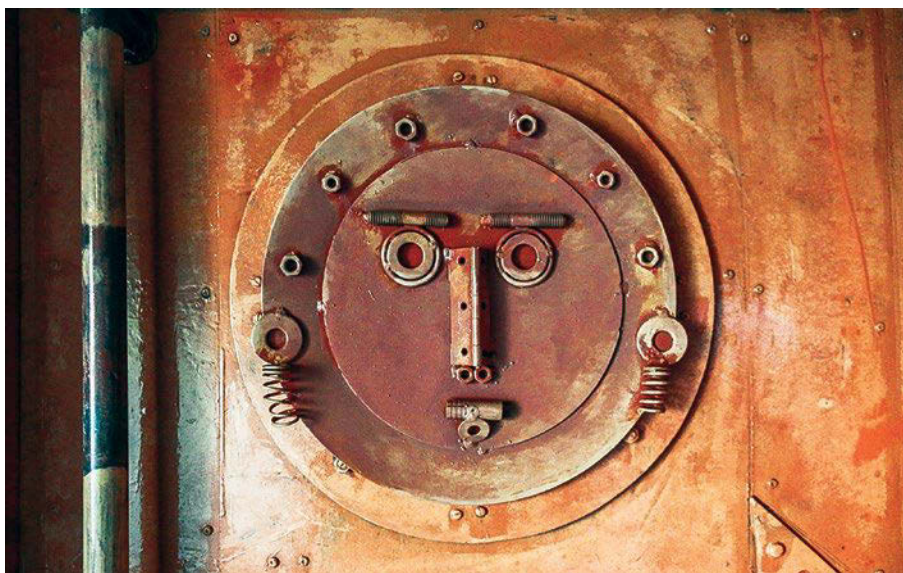
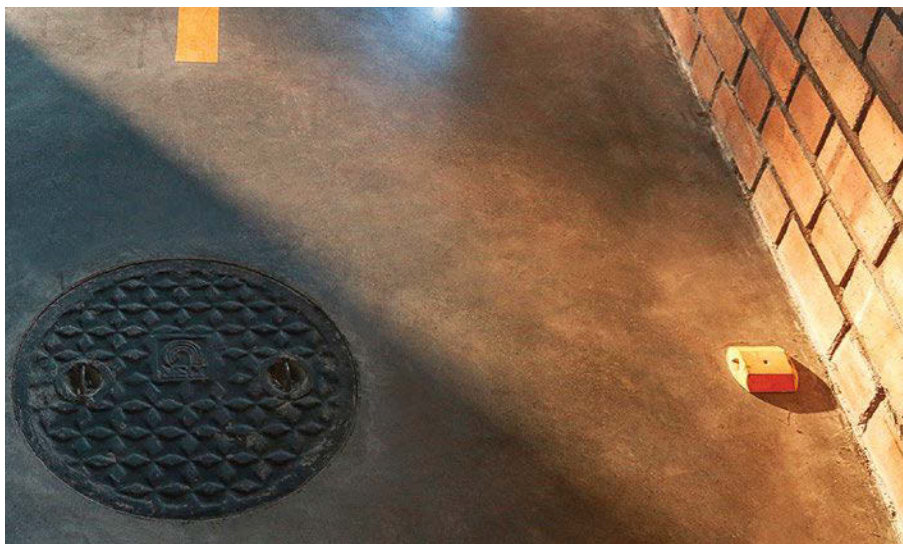
BELOW Spacefiction Studio divide the space with non-structural brick ledges. These exposed brick partitions are capped with corrugated metal sheets, creating a texturally rich and truly sensorial experience.

sirens and a functioning traffic signal, throughout the bar.

The aforementioned idiosyncrasy is especially evident in the clever treatment of the furniture and seating design. Galvanized iron pipes have been fabricated into railings, light fixtures and liquor display installation to render a convincing portrayal of the transitional state of the city. Collaborating with fabricator Chandu and carpenter Laxmana Chary, the design team have crafted a prototype of a six-seater GI dining and bench. "The GI pipes were connected either by a threaded or welded system depending on where they were used. In the case of the furniture, where two-inch pipes were used, most of the joints were threaded except the back rest joint which was welded onto an L-section metal frame," elaborates the architects.

Though a young firm, Spacefiction Studio has astutely managed to tap the existential relationship between space and human behaviour, having cleverly designed a space that revisits a characteristic part of Hyderabad's legacy and triggers that experience through the space and its contents. Experimentation and collaboration result in a smooth flow of design elements — Graffiti art, an engaging illustration of the association between vintage pop art and the urban landscape, and between architectural planning and graphical representation, generously flow along the Free Flow-Traffic Bar walls. Komal, a professional artist with an expertise in painting movie posters, pays homage to Tesla by painting his image under a light bulb. "The only obvious thing that went with the road theme was the DeLorean painting on the white wall. We painted the Mario scene without Mario because it immediately imbibes a sense of nostalgia. The same goes for the Tetris wall storage," says an excited Sashank. Interestingly, this is the architects' voice inconspicuously speaking to the patrons. Akin to artists leaving their mark on the canvas, or writers forming a bond with readers through their voice, the graffiti walls speak the loudest of Spacefiction Studio's design persona. An inspiring blend of interests and design concept,







CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT

To deliver an authentic urban experience, the position of salvaged manhole covers are planned and placed on site while finishing the cement flooring.

The architects collaborated with fabricators to successfully create GI door handles using mundane objects like nuts and bolts, pipes and rods.

The bar counter is lit with industrial light fixtures, suspended from a wooden panel.

The GI pipe lighting is an exercise in innovative design, experimenting and meticulous planning.

The bright red generously splashed on metal pipes and barrels livens up the bare exposed brick and concrete walls.

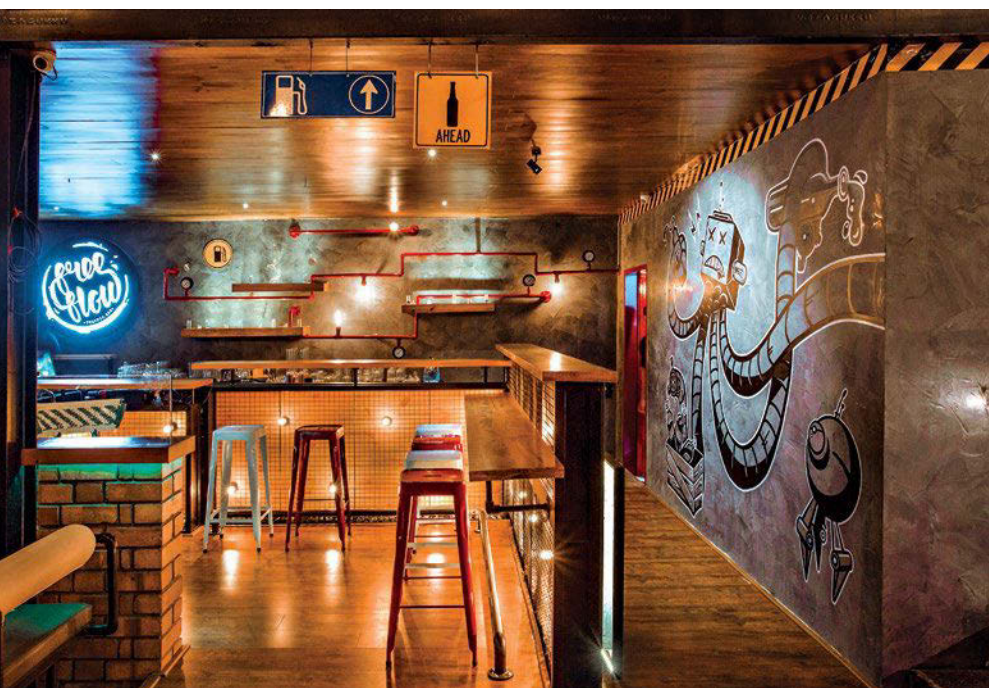
This shows the detail of wooden ledges welded, bolted and threaded to the bar counter to create interesting levels.

The bare brick walls and ledges are a reference to the transitional state of Hyderabad, where the site is located.

The solar cat eyes, running along the circulation path — they light up the space and reinforce the urban character.

This quirky 'her' sign on the toilet door is conceived by the design team in coordination with artist Khalid.

Even the toilet door signage featuring quirky faces is an outcome of the design scheme and not an after-thought.



TOP Behind the bar counter on the terrace is the Free Flow logo. Sashank uses a fluid language for the logo, one that is derivative of the free-flowing vibe of the place.

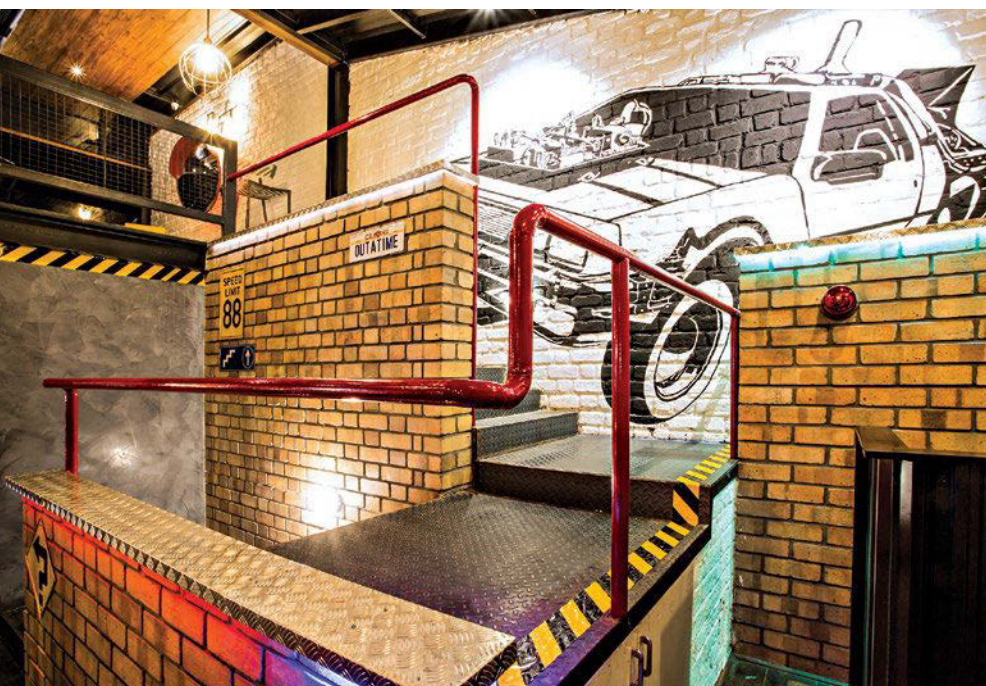
ABOVE An alcoholic droid shares space with the patrons of the bar. Occupying a wall by the bar, it has been conceived and painted by the architect himself.

the street art also completes the streetscape of the bar.

Free Flow-Traffic Bar — that's a catchy name. An apt communication strategy for a bar that is to attract the young IT crowd toiling away at HITEC City and the affluent families from the neighbouring Banjara hills. But spend a relaxed

MATERIALS

Walls Paint, exposed wire cut brick (locally sourced), unplastered brick walls painted white
Floors Concrete (micro-topping), laminate
Ceiling Black emulsion paint, packing wood finished with PU coat and spray painted exposed corrugated sheets
Doors Wooden flush doors painted in metallic red, distressed finish, customized handles and ornamentation by artist Khaled. Main door has glass within a wooden frame with a GI handle fabricated by Hemachandar Rao.
Furniture Four-seater bunk dining units made with GI pipes, finished with wooden top and foam cushioning; wood; industrial metal drums painted red.
Lights Industrial light fixtures with various sized Edison Bulbs bought locally; industrial light fixtures sourced from Bombay



TOP The terrace has an assortment of six-seater seating for larger groups and individual seating by the bar. Here, the southern portion of the flooring is raised to provide a stage for live gigs.

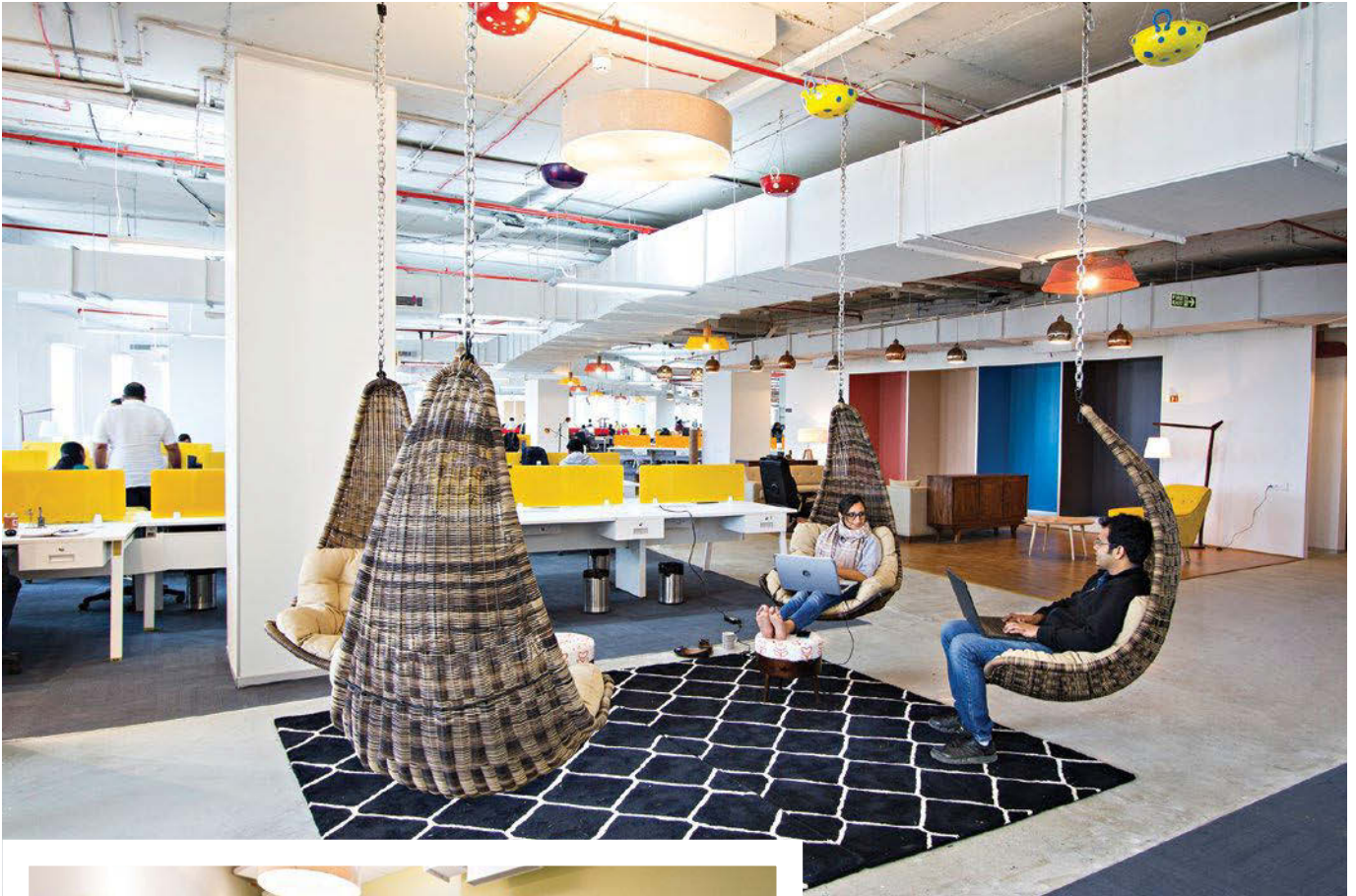
ABOVE Steampunk (a subgenre of Science Fiction) and vintage pop are two key design concepts prevalent in the bar's decor. The south wall on the terrace with a steampunk-themed car is a major hit amongst the crowd.

evening at the bar with some beer and friends and you realize its semantic connotation as well. The alcohol is, of course, unrestricted and talks go places as beer takes the front seat. What about Traffic Bar, you ask? That is a part of the free-flowing urban-scape, which through the means of a material palette and street art, takes over the bar and gives it a unique identity. These references often prompt exclamations of recognition of symbols of nostalgia, or icons of popular culture that are slowly but surely making a comeback. Ask them about the challenges of designing the gritty hang-out space and they sign-off with, "We wanted to have fun with this project and managed to create some satisfactory things along the way." **BI**

FACT FILE: **Project** Free Flow-Traffic Bar **Location** Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad **Area** 4,700 sq ft **Principal architects** Baba Sashank and Vindhya Guduru **Design team** Santhosh Kandana **Carpentry** TL Chari **Fabrication** Bhavan Kumar (Jayvee Tech), P Hemachandrarao (Lakshmi Sai Fabricators) **Air conditioning consultant** Zamil Air Conditioners India Pvt Ltd **Traffic equipment** Deccan Safety

Breaking the Wall

TEXT: RASHMI KARANJEKAR; PHOTOGRAPHS: COURTESY URBAN LADDER



Monday morning blues... I am very sure every employee at the Bangalore office of Urban Ladder has an easy cure for it — they simply have to step inside their office premises! Their spacious 32,000 sq ft office accommodates 400 odd employees and is a result of their anticipated growth over the next few years. Earlier, the office was split in three different office spaces, and the demand for a collaborative office space for teams to come together and ideate, led to this merger. The project led by architect Vivek Kharia and his team from Designtude surpassed the challenge of completing the site in three months.

The design philosophy reflects the open office concept which presents an opportunity for managers to build staff



morale by breaking down the figurative walls, separating them from the work force. The spacious office has a subtle design nuances with quirky and colourful furniture being the highlight. The colour palette majorly is a bright mix of red, yellow and white which renders a lively and energetic feel.

The brand's innovativeness is reflected right at the outset — the reception area has a demo apartment replete with furniture and accessories, showcasing their newest products. This allows and encourages a visitor to touch and feel the products. The breakout area stands as the highlight of this office with four curve porch swings. For a quick one-on-one, or a rapid standup, there are meeting boxes and jump-spaces. Similarly, large and small colourful lounges have been placed for a relaxed chat or for a change of desk, scattered through the office. There is a separate arrangement designed for the meeting rooms for more formal discussions. The cafeteria accommodates over 150 employees at a time and has comfortable seating and colourful hanging lights. In one corner you will see a well-equipped gym to ensure the employees stay fit with all the food around. Then there are three nap rooms, an entertainment zone with game room consisting of foosball tables, a pool table, table tennis table, a yoga room, and even a play station. Adding to it, there are mood boards to reflect colour predictions/trends for the season, with different fabrics and styles letting employees to think and innovate. This office design definitely gives truckloads of inspiration to each of its employees — the result is seen in their innovative and classy work! **BI**

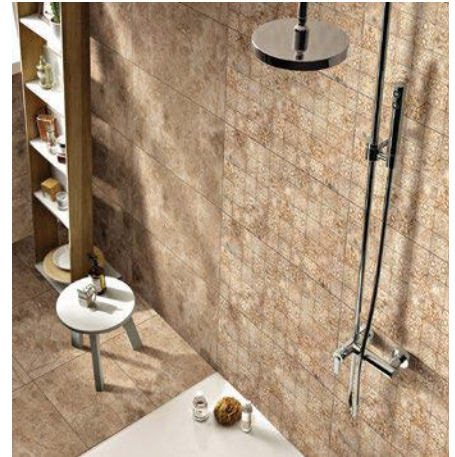
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MAJESTIC FLOORING

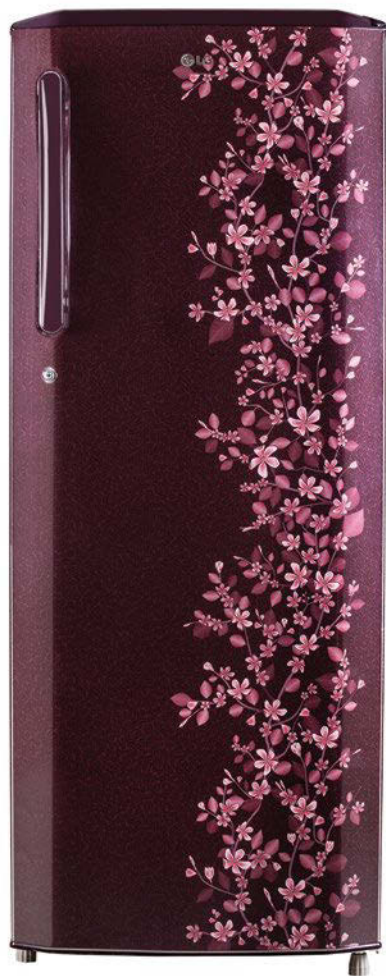
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ELEGANT ENTRANCE

The entrance door is the first design statement that one can make and hence Anvi Luxury Door by Artecraft has on offer a stunning door design. An amalgamation of wood and resin; the doors are not only sturdy but are truly unique in its style and design. On the door, the cross-sectional wood in the form of cubes is used like droplets and casted together with resin in between them; which they term as wood droplets. Later, they cover all the sides of the wood droplet with wood, routing the wood at the inner portions on both the sides. The size and thickness of the door can be customized to fit into the space perfectly.



ECO COOL

LG has geared up to launch a range of energy efficient appliances in the year 2016. It has already announced the launch of India's first single door refrigerator with Smart Inverter Compressor technology. The product has been designed keeping the expensive power tariffs of India in mind and promises to offer optimum cooling with energy conservation. The appliance is equipped with energy-efficient R600a compressor. It has claimed to make ice within 108 minutes with no additional load on the compressor and works even without a stabilizer between 100V-290V. It is a five star rated refrigerator which is said to save ₹ 4,400 over conventional five star rated refrigerator.

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{Final Take} Pick Apart



Pg 54 This Green Girgit Fat Blue Pirate Planter from Fab Furnish featured in the *Bazaar* section is so amusing. I just can't wait to get this planter home for my balcony. Ironically, this pirate in a funny avatar is what I got attracted to — his strong personality will definitely put an instant smile on everyone visiting my place. I would want such humour to be splashed across my warm home.

Vilas Salve



Pg 94 Good food makes me go weak at the knees. Hence, whenever I travel I prefer checking the best eating joints or make sure I visit atleast one new restaurant in the city. For a design enthusiast like me, decor and aesthetics of the space matters too. And therefore, Free Flow-Traffic Bar designed by Spacefiction Studio (featured in *Space & Spice*) in Hyderabad caught my fancy this issue for its unique design. The graffiti work done on walls, galvanized iron bench seating and the toilet door signage featuring quirky elements makes it a must-experience space.

Rashmi Karanjekar



Pg 84 Imagine one day you wake up in the morning and you see that your home is transformed into this apartment in Madrid, Spain, featured in our *Habitat* pages this issue. Minimalistic design, ample natural lighting, some vintage accessories, elegant furniture and some splash of colours thrown onto the furnishings are all the elements that must be present in a picture perfect house... such as this (designed by Itta Studio). For someone who believes that home is where the heart is... residing in such a beautifully designed apartment would be a dream come true.

Fateha Firdaus Barbhuiya

Everyone has their favourites and the **Better Interiors** team is no exception. Sure, we are a bunch of committed 'unbiased' folk who report on design trends faithfully... but we also drool and how!



Pg 62 Alluring. Serene. Green. These three words describe what I feel on seeing this landscape featured in the *Green Revolution* section. I would love to see a place like this in my hometown Mumbai where one could relax and be at peace... away from the hectic lifestyle. Be it the bird bath or the wild boar sculpture standing at the shore of the pond with the eagle overlooking the path; everything is enveloped in the fresh green. I wouldn't feel the need to spend exuberant amounts of money at a spa if there were more places like this in my city.

Varuna Naik



Pg 44 My husband and I recently moved into our new flat after months of renovation. I love the way my humble abode has turned out, but I haven't stopped dreaming of owning a huge row house; with a lush garden, balconies in each room and a terrace that overlooks the sea. And if that dream came true, then I would most definitely buy outdoor furniture from Visionnaire, Simply Sofas and Vis a Vis featured in the *Bazaar* section of this issue. Especially the Sveva Chaise Lounge which would be just perfect for long hours of reading and lounging in the sun.

Alifiya Mehamdabadwala